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The Porter-Allen Engine.

We present herewith a front view of the Porter-Allen engine, manufactured by Mr. Charles T. Porter, of Newark, N. J. This engine is producing a revolution so far reaching in its results that we are hardly able to estimate their importance. It is now about 18 years since Mr. Porter became impressed with the value of the system of valves and valve gear for steam engines, then recently invented by Mr. John F. Allen, of New York, and with their perfect adaptation to high piston speeds in engines with a moderate length of stroke. With an earnestness of purpose and a courage which was almost unparalleled, he boldly undertook the task of changing the usage of the world in regard to the speed of engines, and actually produced what all engineers regarded as impossible, a successful high-speed engine. It is difficult for an engineer brought up in the present school and accustomed to deal habitually with machinery running at speeds once deemed impracticable, to realize how many and how difficult were the problems to be solved before such an engine could be produced. Many of the obstacles were entirely unknown, and were only discovered when the attempt had been made. Balancing, lubrication and wear in turn made themselves felt as almost insurmountable obstacles to the success of the attempt. The problem of a high-speed engine, never for a moment abandoned, was at last solved. The workmanship was beautiful certainly; nothing equal to it had ever been put upon the American market. Perhaps the most remarkable feature of this engine was that even the early productions have "stood up to their work" with a durability and exemption from the accidents of use only equaled by the slow-moving beam engine which tradition says never wears out.

We recently had occasion to examine several of these engines, and in one instance had the opportunity of indicating the engine with considerable care. One of

these engines with an 18x30-inch cylinder is driving the works of the Newark Lime and Cement Manufacturing Co. Another with an 8-inch cylinder and 16 inches stroke, making 220 revolutions per minute, is at work in the tobacco factory of H. P. Hoyt & Co., 404 Pearl street, in this city, and has been in constant use for 7 or 8 years. We know of another, driving the works of the Jackson & Sharp Company of Wilmington, Del., which we think must have been at work 8 or 10 years. This engine was put up by Mr. Auchincloss, whose work on the

bas two advantages in this respect. The first is that the steam in the waste room reaches a higher pressure with a given amount of compression than can be attained in a slow-moving engine. This is illustrated in the accompanying indicator card, Fig. 1, taken by ourselves from Mr. Albright's engine at a speed of 350 revolutions. The rise of the compression curve in a slow-moving engine is less abrupt because of the rapid absorption of heat from the steam and the consequent lower pressure. In other words, the heat which would escape in a slow-moving engine into the walls of the cylinder, piston, &c., makes its appearance as sensible heat in the steam, and is accompanied with a corresponding rise in the pressure. The second and chief advantage is

and eye was as regular as though there had been no change in the conditions. The governor was apparently amply sensitive to control even greater disturbances. These diagrams show the beautiful character of the exhaust. The action of the exhaust valves seems to be all that could be desired. The cards given in both Fig. 1 and Fig. 2 show that the valves are able to discharge, almost instantly, steam of considerable density. The slight back pressure shown is due to a number of elbows and bends which it was necessary to put in the pipe. The addition made by waste room, or clearance as it is sometimes called, is correctly shown in Fig. 2, so that the engineer can set out the theoretical expansion curve.

This system of high speed engines has special interest for our readers from the

any speed up to the highest to which it may ever be necessary to run an engine, and it is perfectly positive in its motion. The valves are not allowed to fall or close by the action of a spring or gravity, but are always held fast upon their stems. If Mr. Allen had never produced any other invention, this alone would be sufficient to place him among the foremost inventors of his time. As the valve motion came from his hand it was practically perfect, and there seems to be no need nor possibility for improvement, since it can do all that the engineer desires.

The advantage of high speed in steam engines is not as generally appreciated as could be wished. Every one understands that in the olden time, when 12 or 14 pounds was the greatest boiler pressure that we dared to carry, engines of even moderate power

steam, by expansion, is losing its force. Familiar illustrations of the smooth running of high-speed engines with heavy reciprocating parts, are to be found in locomotives and propeller engines. In the locomotive, especially those with three or more pairs of wheels coupled, the reciprocating weight is exceedingly heavy, yet they run with great steadiness and smoothness of motion; and the same is true of propeller engines. It is an easy problem to compute the weight of parts required to give an engine perfect steadiness and smoothness of rotation at any number of revolutions per minute. At the highest speed we have ever witnessed in these engines the movement was as quiet and as steady as in the slowest of the old-fashioned engines. The mathematics of this subject is exceedingly interesting, but we cannot enter into the subject here. It is sufficient to say that the pressure tending to turn the crank becomes nearly as steady as though a pair of ordinary cylinders with cranks at right angles were used. The workmanship of these engines is exceedingly beautiful, and the arrangements for lubrication perfectly satisfactory. We have never heard of a hot bearing on one of these engines, and presume that such a thing could only occur if filling the oil cups was neglected. The governor which controls the point of cut off is of the well-known Porter pattern. There is no form of governor so extensively used in England and on the Continent as this; indeed its use may be said to be almost universal. It is extremely sensitive and has complete control of the engine.

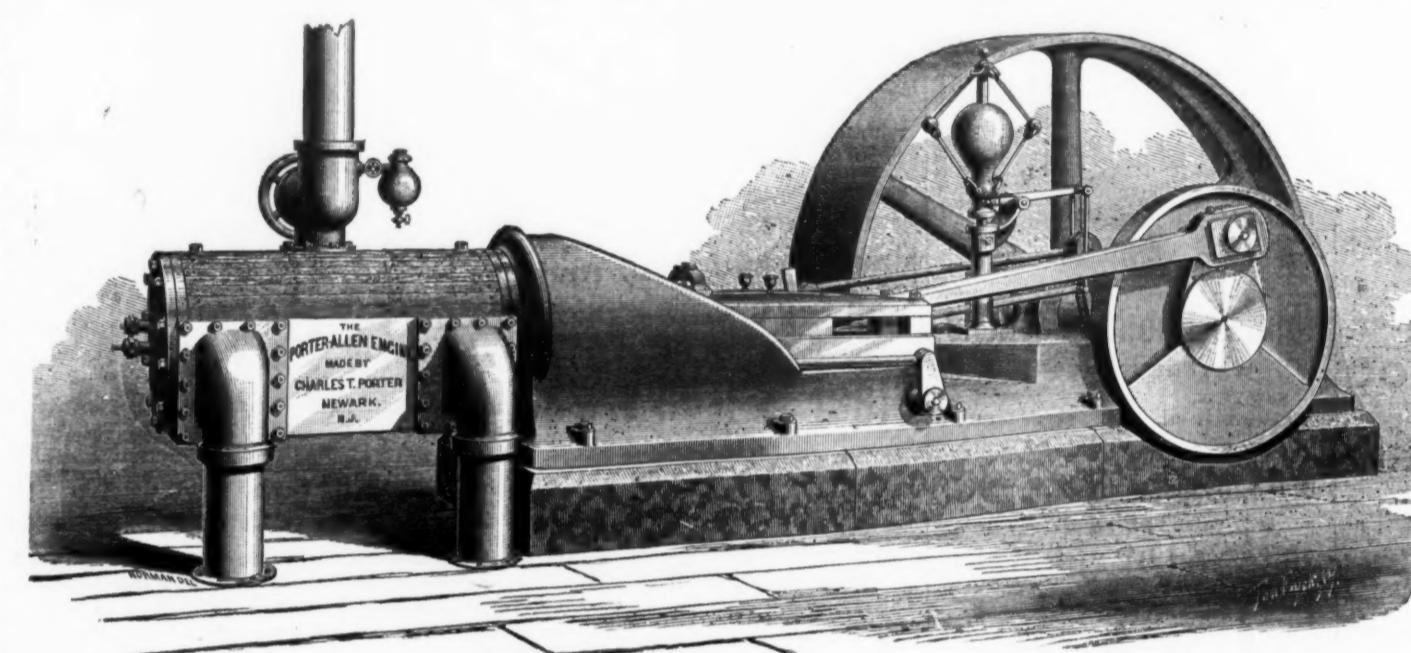
Philadelphia Enterprise.

The *North American* gives Philadelphia a "first rate notice," as follows: The country which has seen a fleet of first-class European steamships constructed and sustained by Philadelphia; a still larger fleet of iron steam colliers built and supported here; a line of southern steamers built and maintained, and iron steamships of the first class

constructed on the Delaware to cross the Pacific, to accommodate South America and to enlarge our coasting tonnage, now welcomes the construction of larger steam colliers to market American coal in the Mediterranean and to bring a larger share of the commerce of that sea here. This is direct and wise maritime energy—wise, because all the world's tonnage has turned to steam and iron, and we are forced to build, and direct because it runs with the endeavors of every trade and calling to place all of our products abroad in such volume as to secure appreciable values, and of such a nature and quality as to occupy ground long resigned to European energy, but capable of being Americanized and rendered tributary to our use. It is proved that the coasting colliers can cross the Atlantic; that anthracite is welcomed where it was unknown, and that the business of supplying it can be made profitable. The new attempt seems thoroughly justifiable. If it is, others similar are warranted, and such evidence may soon fill the Delaware with a share of the great steam tonnage that enters the North River—but American. It is deserving of notice how in so many directions—in the Centennial, in steamship and railway building, in cotton fabrication, in exports to South America and Europe—this city is doing so much, while some others depend wholly upon the help they receive.

The movement of foreign trade has made an unusual change in the relative positions of American ports. Baltimore shoots up to second place in the export business, owing to the enormous wheat crop of the Valley of the Cumberland and the Southwest, and Boston comes next, with Philadelphia fourth, and only a little ahead of San Francisco, which also has shipped a good deal of wheat. In imports Boston stands second, which in the total of both exports and imports brings that port up to the second place in spite of the great increase at Baltimore. Then comes San Francisco, which is just a little ahead of Philadelphia, owing to the receipts of teas. Philadelphia has received twice as much from abroad as Baltimore, though the gross tonnage has been less.

M. Emile de Girardin proposes, in *La France*, to close the Exhibition on Oct. 31, out to reopen the Champ de Mars on May 1 next year for another six months, the exhibitors having the option to remove their goods, to replace them, or to give up their space altogether.



THE PORTER-ALLEN ENGINE.

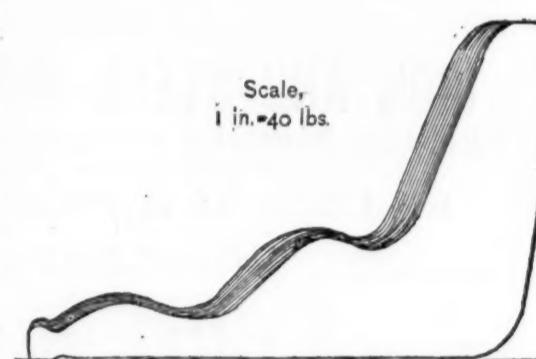


Fig. 1.—Card from Engine 6" x 12", 350 revolutions per minute.

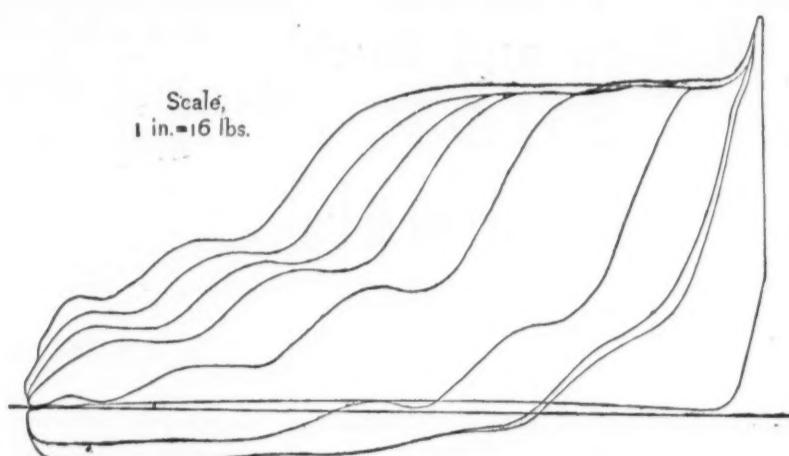


Fig. 2.—Cards from 18" x 36" Engine, 147 revolutions per minute, showing different points of cut-off.

Providence to one revolution per minute he brought the duty down to 8,000,000-foot pounds per 100 pounds of coal consumed. In other words, he was getting at each revolution the same amount of condensation that would, in his ordinary mill engines, be distributed through fifty revolutions. In Mr. Porter's large engine, at the cement works previously mentioned, this condensation would be distributed over perhaps 150 revolutions.

The following set of diagrams, Fig. 2, were taken from the engine at the cement works, and show various points of cut-off. The rapid fall of the expansion line shows how slight is the condensation and how small the loss arising from that source. The larger cards were obtained by throwing the governor downward until the furthest point of cut-off was obtained, and then allowing it to react. It could thus be made to exhibit its entire range of action. In watching this operation we could not discover that the steady running of the engine was in any way disturbed. The motion to both ear

ing a 9-inch train by a belt. The revolutions are as one to two. The speed of the larger engine is of course limited by the speed of the train, which varies according to character of work from 60 to 115 revolutions per minute. In the smaller engine the revolutions run from a minimum of 84 per minute up to 225. At the latter rate the piston speed amounts to no less than 1125 feet per minute. We should feel that it was perfectly safe to maintain the latter number constantly as the regular working speed. A Porter-Allen engine is just starting the Gautier Steel Company (Limited) in their new mill at Johnstown, Pa. The cylinder is 13 inches by 24, and the engine will run 250 revolutions per minute driving a 10-inch train direct. We shall watch the performance of this engine with a good deal of interest.

The "Allen" valve gear needs more than a passing notice. It is one of the most perfect arrangements for the distribution of steam that has ever been applied to the steam engine. It is capable of working at

makes a heavy percentage in favor of the lighter and more powerful machine.

Some of the details of the Porter-Allen engine are worth special notice. We have mentioned the perfection of the valve motion in general terms. Among the features which contribute to its success are the positive movements of the valves, their working in equilibrium both of pressure and current, while steam and exhaust valves are driven independently. The steam valves have their movements controlled by the governor, but the exhaust is fixed. The piston speed is from 700 to 900 feet per minute, and, as we have seen, in the exceptional cases above 1100. The blow which the sudden admission of steam strikes upon the piston, and through the piston and connecting rods upon the crank pin, is cushioned, as it were, by putting in reciprocating parts of such weight that the steam expends a portion of its force in starting them into motion. Once in motion their momentum is utilized in keeping up the turning force upon the crank when the

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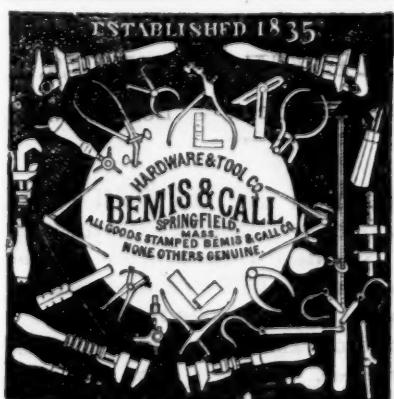
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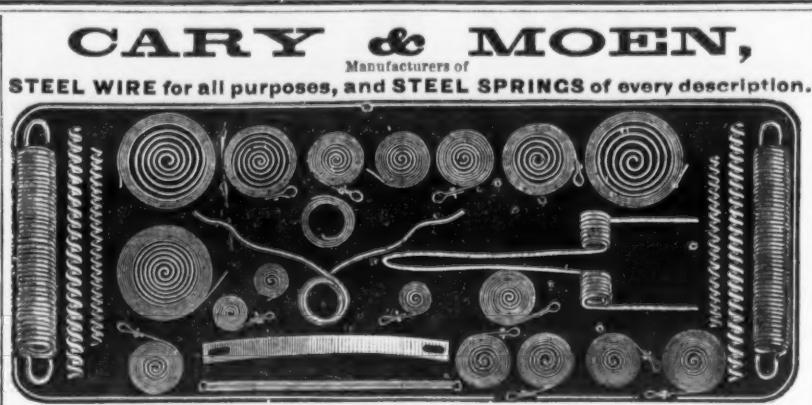
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New Patents.

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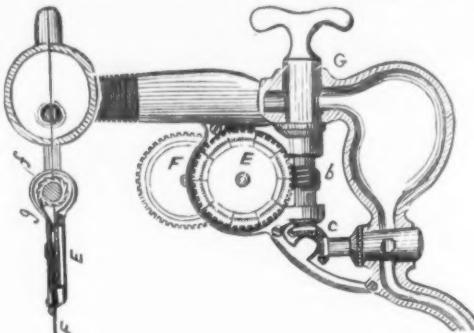
MEASURING FAUCET.

To F. X. Rousseau, Arthabaskaville, Canada.—June 25.—1. The improved measuring faucet, consisting of the measuring chamber or body and the two valve plugs G H, arranged at right angles to each other and provided with the pinions c, gearing directly into each other.

2. As an improvement in measuring faucet.

spectively are constructed practically in a continuous curve, the furnace being provided with a tap-hole for delivering molten metal, and the stack with a charging opening in its wall, through which unmelted metal is placed in the stack.

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sets, the plugs G H and the registering devices E F g, in combination with the body, consisting of the two equal parts, constructed and arranged to embrace and hold the moving parts between their faces.

3. The valve plug G, having its stem provided with the thread b and ratchet wheel f, in combination with the register wheel and the divided frame, arranged to embrace and hold the other parts.

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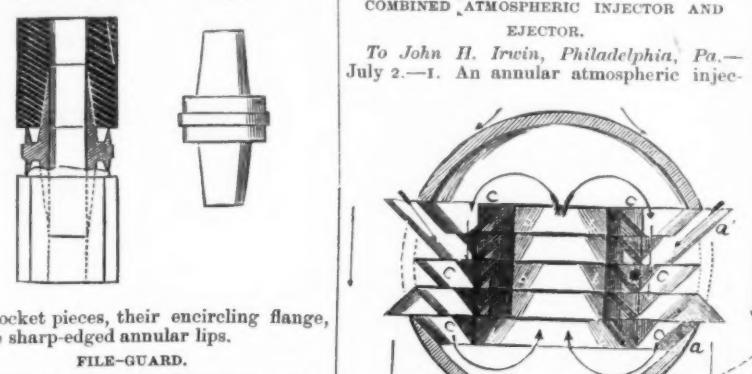
To O. Wells, Newberry, S. C.—July 2.—A metallic joint coupling consisting of the ta-

pered socket pieces, their encircling flange, and the sharp-edged annular lips.

FILE-GUARD.

To Mary P. Ayers, San Francisco, Cal.—July 2.—Grooves on the inner sides of two arms, hinged together, receive the edges of a file, which are thus protected. One end of the arms forms a handle.

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To J. S. Miller, Middletown, Conn.—July 2.—1. A tuyere having a wind chest, A, and within the same an axial tube, D, having its exterior wall inclined toward the dis-

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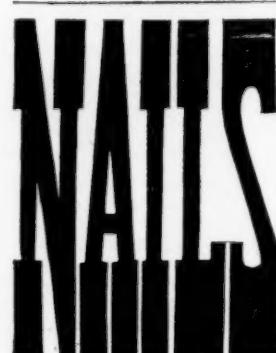
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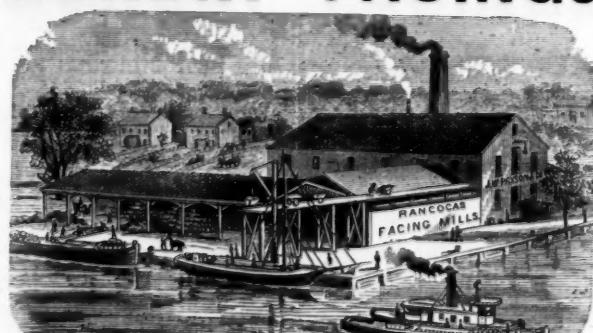
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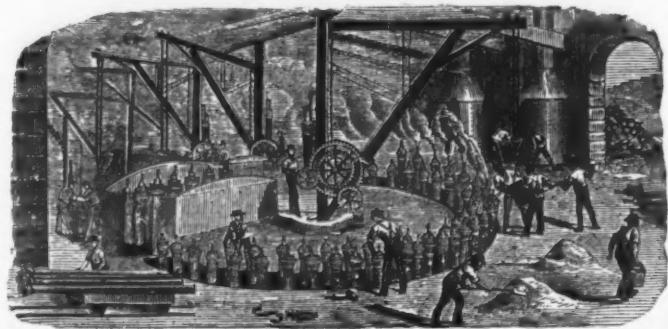
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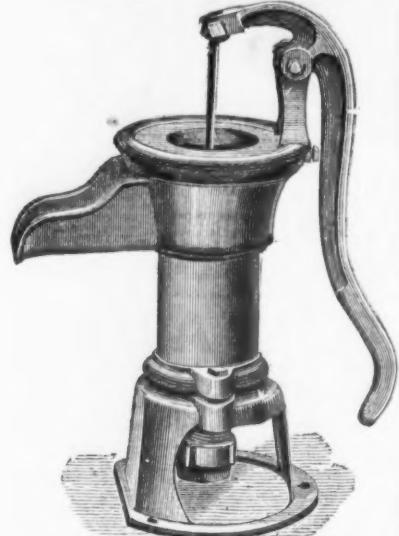
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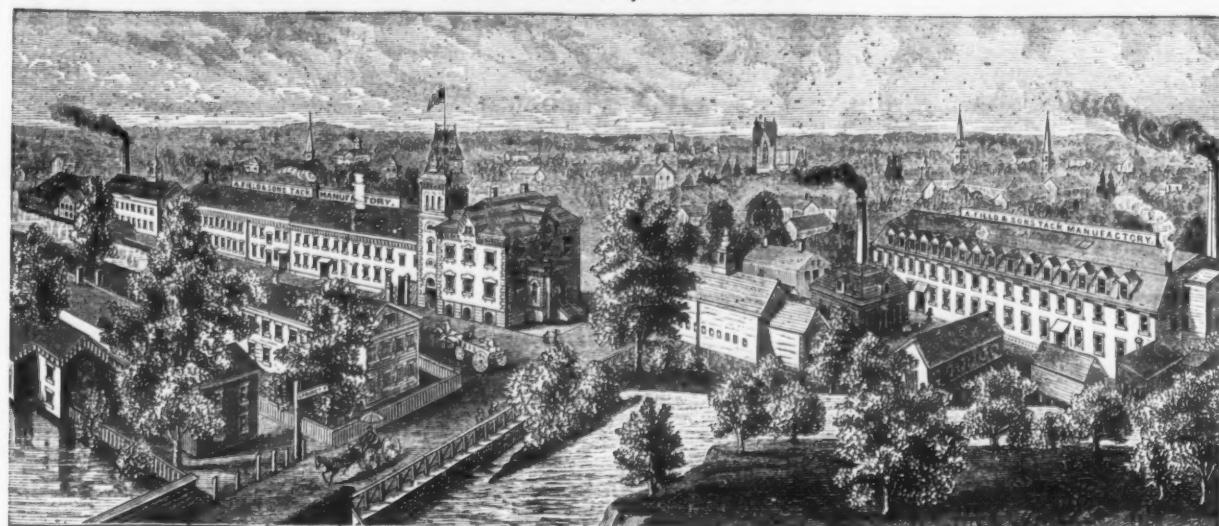
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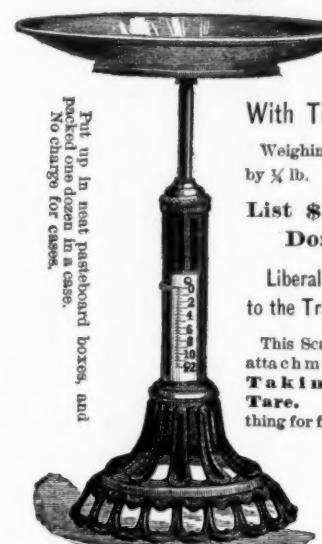
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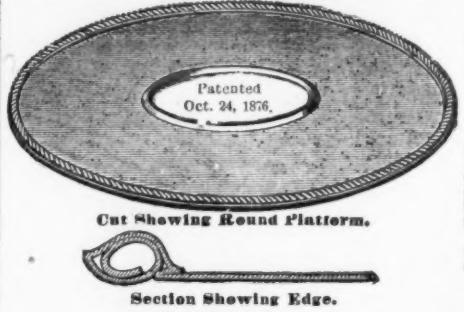
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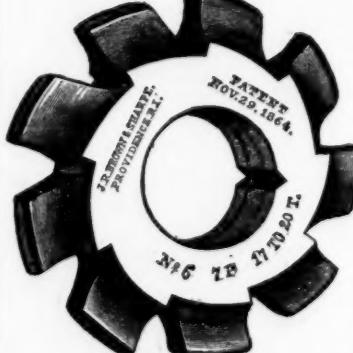


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You will observe that while in textile fabrics Britain is still our largest supplier and that she is also ahead in the grosser manufacturers of iron, yet in machinery and a variety of manufactures you have taken precedence.

This would, to some extent, be attributable to the fact that our wants, our social tastes, more closely resemble yours than they do those of Europeans, and that we have grown out of the phase of colonial life in which the metropolis at once dictates the form of tastes and supplies the means of gratifying them.

Aside from this, however, is a stronger reason, it is the more purposeful nature of your manufactured products.

Your establishments, conducted with experience and long study of business and manufacturing needs, have shown their capability of producing wares that combine, in a high degree, finish and fitness along with all the cheapness consistent with thorough workmanship.

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In this way you have secured a large part of the market which a low tariff has hitherto given the foreigner in Canada, and if the fiscal system now prevailing were continued in force you would, from year to year in the future as you have done in the recent past, take more and more proportionately to England of the trade of our consuming population.

This state of things is now, we believe, at an end; the popular voice has given its suffrages to a party who come into power pledged to adjust the tariff so as to favor all efforts of home industry to replace with its own your products and those of England.

It will readily be acknowledged, then, that Canada's trade relations with the United States are sufficiently important for you to be interested in her fiscal policy as regards manufactured goods.

We do not suppose that you will share the belief of some who declare that, what is called by them, a war of tariffs will destroy the trade relations between the two countries; on the contrary, we as a younger people, yet moving in the same path with you, must of necessity be indebted to you on many occasions for mechanical assistance and for invention which our smaller theater has not yet developed. The only effect of an alteration in our fiscal system will be to reshape, not to destroy, the trade relations of Canada with the United States. Your protective tariff has not essentially affected the vitality of your trade with Great Britain; it has only changed the nature of the wares you took in exchange for those products of yours which you consumed.

No one will assert that, because your importation of railway iron or steel has been reduced to a cipher, the absolute inference is a reduction of your mutual trade *pro tanto*; the effect of the tariff which diminished so greatly England's sale to you of this article, merely necessitated a selection of some more advantageous material for the international barter. In the same way we will continue to trade with you, but the nature of the articles in trade will be modified.

At present we buy largely from you of manufactured goods, some barely above the condition of raw material and others having a high degree of finish, yet all or most of them involving labor which we have available in our own population and raw material which forms part of our soil and our forest growth, or which can as readily be brought to our own doors as to yours.

Here is an exhibit of what we have imported of certain goods from Great Britain and the United States during the two fiscal years of 1876 and 1877:

| Great Britain. | United States. |
|---|---------------------|
| Railroad bars, chairs, frogs, &c. | \$295,368 \$322,580 |
| Steel bars, rods and plates. | 4,576,453 1,285,469 |
| Iron bars—puddled. | 344,094 171,480 |
| Iron in rod, cop and sheet. | 239,520 25,349 |
| Boiler plates. | 3,311,178 543,266 |
| Copper plate and tinmed plate. | 1,514,395 93,791 |
| Galvanized iron. | 205,520 6,056 |
| Nail, spike and rod iron. | 132,574 19,068 |
| Iron wire, except rigging. | 184,783 100,493 |
| Spikes, nails, tacks and sprigs. | 77,546 531,369 |
| Spikes and castings. | 136,219 372,371 |
| Other iron manufacures. | 132,450 239,115 |
| Axes, edge tools, hoes, rakes, scythes, shovels and hoes. | 47,893 200,602 |
| Carriages. | 10,666 10,351 |
| Harness and saddle. | 8,535 172,347 |
| Watches and jewelry. | 33,199 82,416 |
| Clocks. | 113,909 330,318 |
| Locomotive engines. | 11,419 100,950 |
| Stationary. | 13,863 202,714 |
| Machinery not otherwise specified. | 2,199 53,054 |
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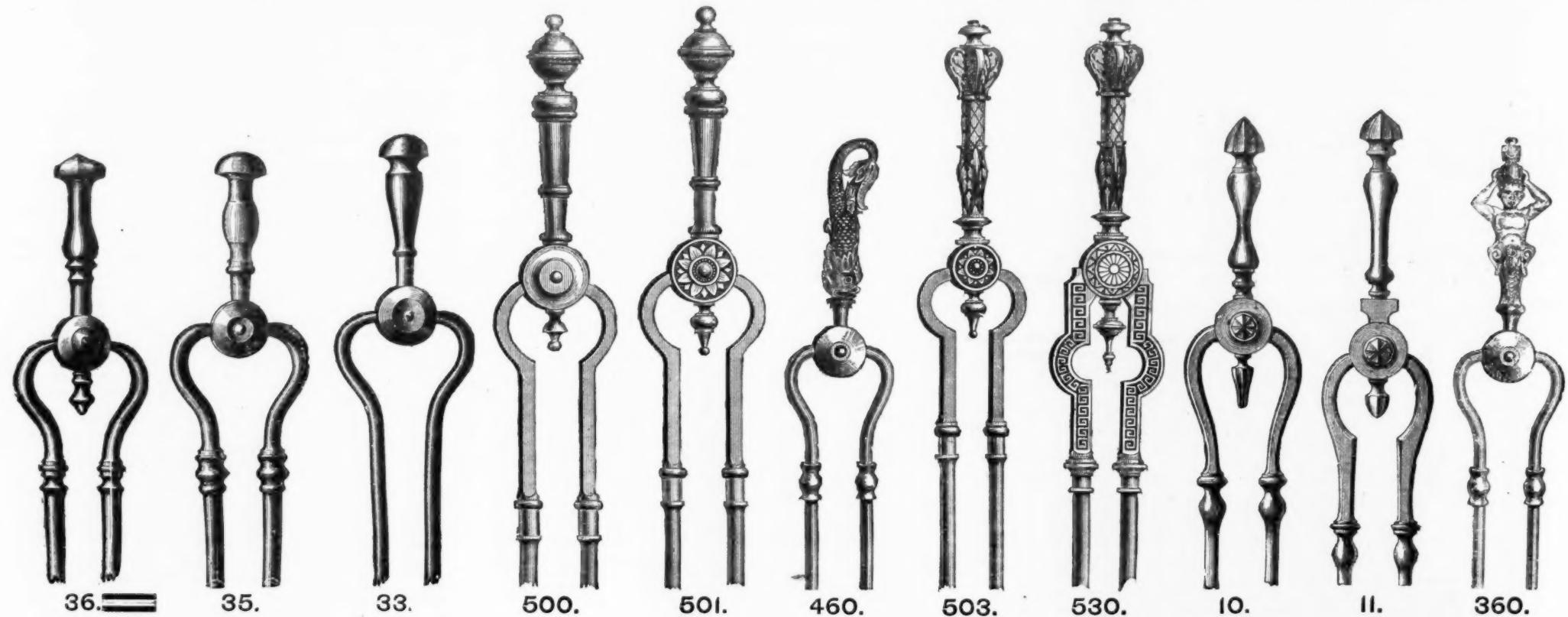
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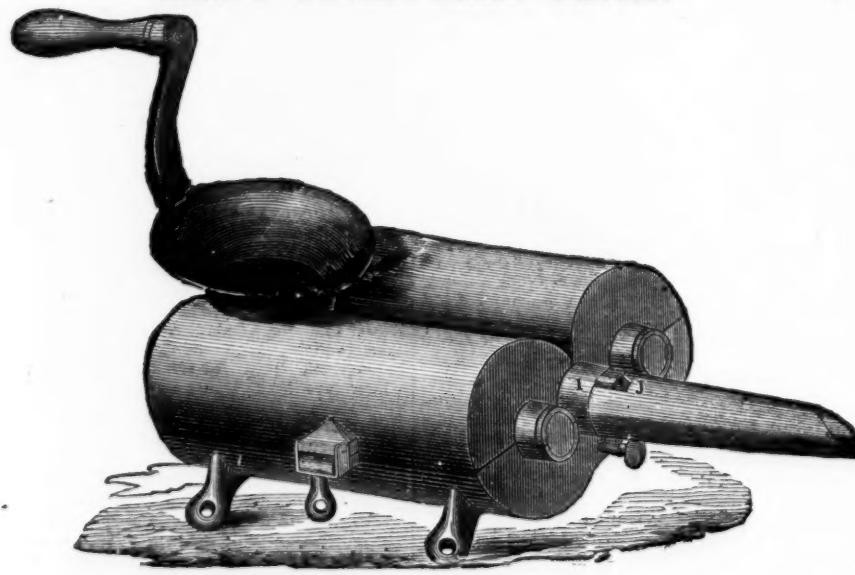
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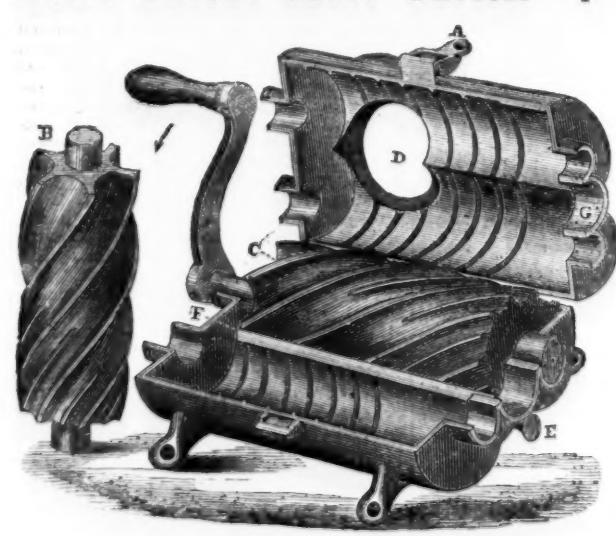
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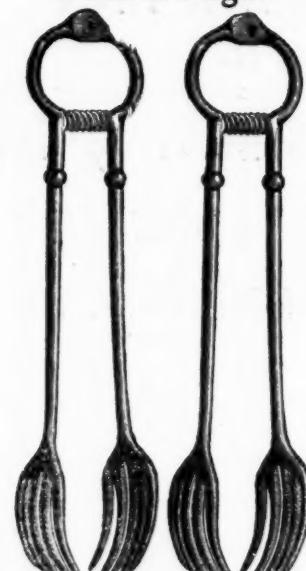
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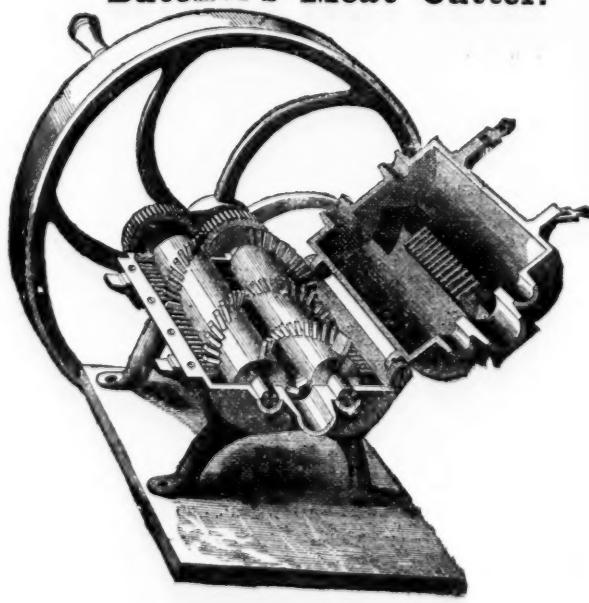
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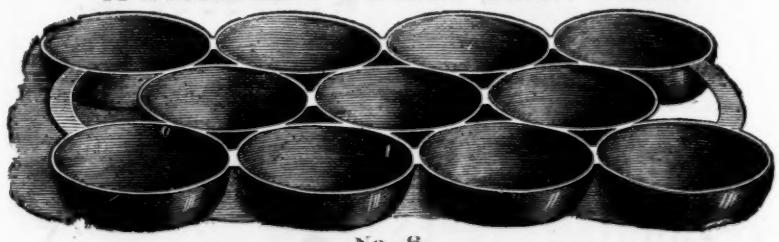
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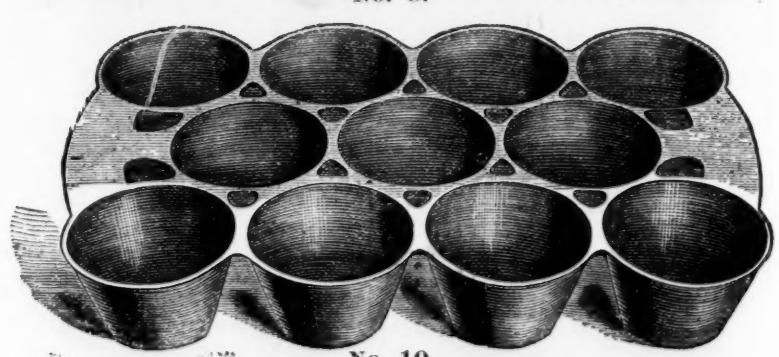
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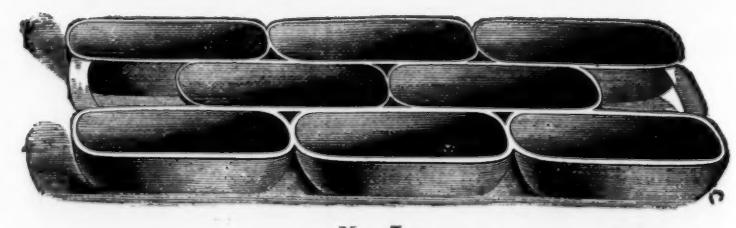
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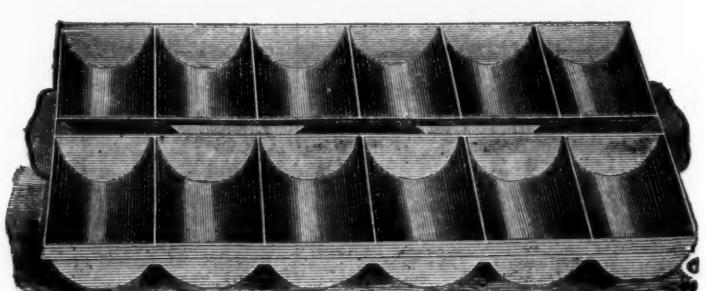
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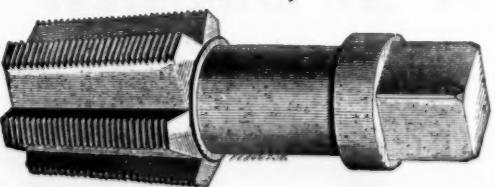
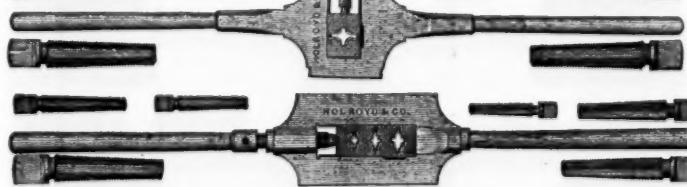
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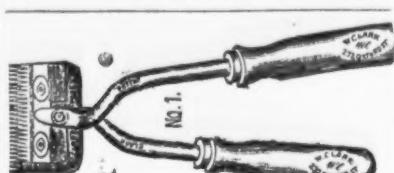
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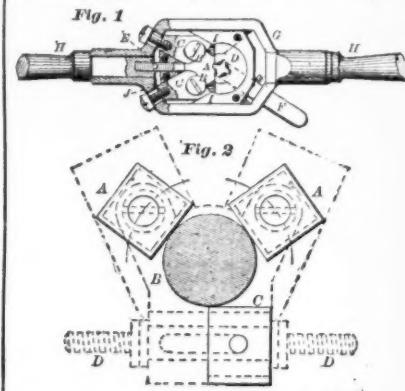
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We illustrate herewith a novelty in the way of screw-cutting tools which comes to us from France, the invention of Mr. E. P. Bayville. It is an improved stock and dies for cutting threads of all kinds. Fig. 1 shows a view of the tool with the top plate removed, with a portion of the stock in section to show the construction. Fig. 2 gives a plan of the essential portions of the die C and guides A A. Instead of an ordinary concave die, Mr. Bayville uses one of rectangular form with the thread cut upon two opposite sides. This gives a means for sharpening the tool by simply grinding it upon a stone. The two rectangular blocks A A in Fig. 2 are also threaded and serve as guides to the bolt B. Both guides and cutter have left-handed threads when a right-hand thread is to be cut upon the bolt. In Fig. 1



H are the handles of the stock, G is the frame that carries the stocks with the cutter and guides. This stock has two recesses for the guide holders C C. The tool holder in this case is of a different form from that shown in Fig. 2, and is operated by the lever F, which is thrown over to the opposite side when the return cut is made. Between the two guide holders C C is a wedge moving by the screw E, which is a prolongation of the handle H. This wedge is arranged in such a way that the guides and cutter can be withdrawn from or advanced to the bolt in radial lines. Hence it is possible to cut a thread upon a great variety of sizes of bolts with a single stock, the only necessary change being in the cutter to adapt the thread to the given size of bolt. When the tool has been run down over the bolt the cutter D, Fig. 2, is by means of the screw D D, upon which it is mounted, run across to present its opposite cutting edge to the bolt, and so makes a cut upward as well as downward, thus completing the thread. This tool is intended to put into the hands of the workman as perfect a means for cutting a thread as we have in the tools used upon our lathes. The cutters in other words, are designed to be really cutters removing the metal by cutting a shaving instead of making a thread by "burring" or pressing the metal up into ridges. The facility for sharpening the dies gives them a long life, while their very simple form enables them to be both cheaply and accurately made. The form entirely obviates the common difficulty from splitting of dies when at work. Mr. L. Bouvier, P. O. Box 96, New York, is the American agent for the patentee in this country.

The French government is laying out a very broad and gigantic scheme of railway construction adapted to the wants of various sections. With the vast sum of \$100,000,000, which it proposes to borrow every year for ten years, the ordinary lines of 4 feet 9 inches gauge are to be increased and pushed into districts which are at present without them; next a meter gauge is to be introduced for ten productive districts; and, finally, steam tramways, with a gauge of 2 feet 6 inches, are to be laid on most of the ordinary highways. The speed on these lines is to be about $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles an hour, and on the meter gauge about 13; the estimated cost is \$12,800 per mile on tramways and \$20,400 on the meter. This grand scheme of expenditure and construction by the government would be anything but wise in this country, but they manage things differently in France, and thus far their financial management has been remarkably successful.

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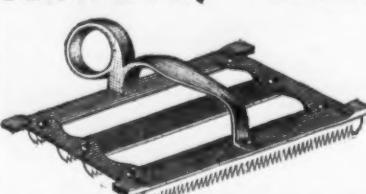
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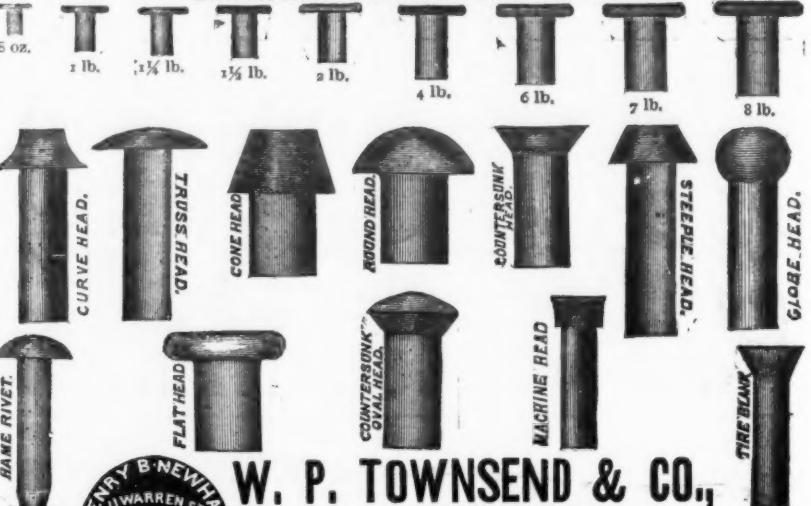
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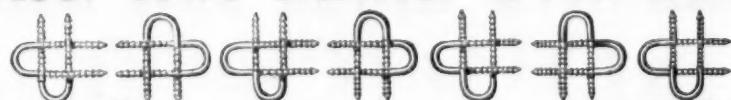
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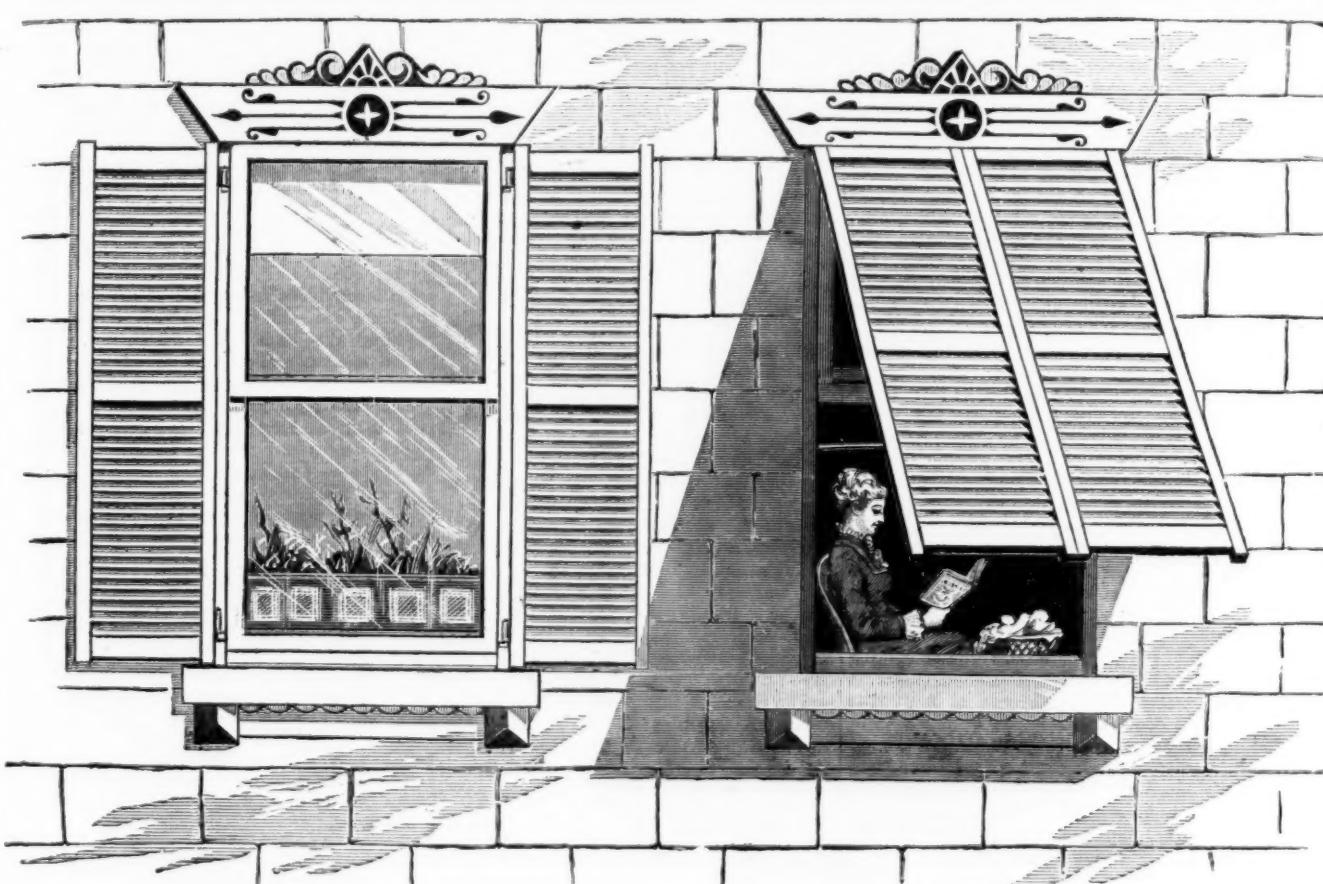
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The project of an international exhibition in New York is already being canvassed among our manufacturers, merchants and capitalists. There are some differences of opinion as to whether it should be held in 1883 or 1889—the former celebrating the termination of the Revolution and the latter

the inauguration of George Washington as Constitutional President of the United States. Either of these dates is so remote that the scheme is not likely to attract much popular interest at present. There are a great many preliminaries to arrange, and all this should be done quietly by citizens able and willing to assume the cost and trouble of advancing the enterprise to a point when the public can be asked to co-operate with it. So far as we can learn, all who have thus far been consulted favor the project and believe that New York is the only place in this country where a successful exhibition could be organized. Certain Western cities will be apt to dispute this opinion; but if New York gets up the exhibition the West will undoubtedly co-operate, and all sectional rivalries and jealousies will be forgotten for the time in the desire to make it a credit to the nation. But will it be held, or is it simply talk?

Canada as a Field for American Enterprise.

Elsewhere in this issue we print a document which will be read with much interest by all the large manufacturers of the United States. It is a communication addressed by the *Maritime Journal* of Halifax, Nova Scotia, to some twenty leading manufacturers of hardware, machinery, locomotives, bridges, scales, &c., and to "a number of other eminent manufacturing firms in the United States," inviting them to consider the question of at once establishing branch factories in the Provinces, so as to take advantage of the protective tariff which will be the result of the late political revolution in the Dominion. Starting with the very evident truth that Canada has for some time been a large consumer of American manufactures, and assuming that manufacturers who now have a Canadian trade naturally desire to hold it, the document proceeds to show that while the promised tariff will not put an end to exchanges between the two countries, it will certainly cause great changes in trade, and that an advance in rates of duty to a point which will afford to home industry the measure of protection demanded by the people and promised by the party just elected to power, will place a serious obstacle in the way of further importations of manufactures which, under protection, can be profitably produced at home. We are assured that the high estimation in which our manufacturers are held by Canadian consumers, their indispensable utility and general superiority, will naturally induce Canadian manufacturers to essay their production first, and that this country will feel the effects of home competition more immediately and seriously than England, which supplies articles of a different and generally cheaper class. To avert the misfortune of losing a market which, under the circumstances, they will not be able to hold, our manufacturers are urged to seize the advantage of manufacturing for the Canadian market under the Canadian tariff. The argument in favor of such a course is logical and reasonable. Our manufacturers possess certain advantages which Canadian manufacturers, generally speaking, can only acquire slowly and from experience. We have at command the results of years of successful work under favorable conditions. We have the machinery, the knowledge of processes and economies, the patterns, the theory and the practice. The manufacturer in the States who should decide to establish a branch in the Dominion would only have to duplicate as much of his present plant as he might need, and set it in operation under the direction of mechanics skilled in every detail of the business. What he could provide for the net cost of making and transporting, the Canadian manufacturer would have to create *ab ovo*. The former could estimate his profits without making any of the allowances for the expenses attendant upon the establishment of new enterprises, which with the latter would probably be serious in a country that has yet to lay the foundations of a diversified manufacturing industry.

It must be confessed that the suggestion thus conveyed is one which merits consideration. One of our large manufacturing concerns, the American Screw Company, is already on the ground, having a screw factory at Dundas, Ontario, with a capacity of 4000 gross per day. Under such a tariff as the people of the Dominion want and are likely to have, this factory should do a large and profitable business, and if it encounters any important competition during the next few years it will not probably come from Canadian makers. There is now in this country a good deal of machinery not immediately needed here, which, if set to work in Canada, would probably do better than here—at least until Canadian industry is organized upon a much broader basis than now. We do not see how Canadian manufacturers could hope to compete upon terms even approaching equality with such establishments utilizing the experience and profiting by the current progress of manufacturers in the States; and considering the nearness of Canada, and the abundant facilities of intercommunication by railroad, mail and telegraph, we see no difficulties in the way of establishing Canadian branches of some of our leading manufacturing concerns much more serious than those attending an extension of their works in the States. But whether this course is adopted by any considerable number of the firms directly or indirectly addressed will, we think, largely

depend upon the provisions of the proposed tariff and the probable importance of the Canadian market under protection. They would have to depend in some degree, at least, upon American raw materials, as Canada does not furnish what they would need. It would be necessary for them to have adequate protection for their brands and trade-marks, and a liberal recognition of their rights under the Canadian patent laws. They would also need satisfactory assurances of immunity from discriminating taxation. Great as their advantages may be, the establishment of Canadian branches is something not to be undertaken hastily or without a full and careful consideration of everything bearing upon the chances of success. It would involve a larger outlay of capital than many of them would be disposed to venture on vague uncertainties, and they would need to know that they would not be merely competing with themselves for a market they could very well have held against Canadian competition without going there to manufacture. In fact, there are a great many things which must be taken into account, including the cost and quality of labor, before such an invitation could be favorably considered; and if our manufacturers do not rush in to preempt the field thus opened, it will not be because they lack enterprise or are too short-sighted to appreciate good opportunities. They will go if there is sufficient encouragement, and if they do go we imagine the Canadians will wish they had stayed at home.

British "Commercial Supremacy."

Mr. John Morley, editor of the *Fortnightly Review*, in his recent address before the British Trades Union Congress at Bristol, ventured some utterances which will not bear examination in the light of facts. The keynote of his argument was that, notwithstanding the great disturbances of international trade and the many changes which have taken place, nothing has occurred to shake the foundations of England's commercial supremacy. The causes of the temporary depression which now exists he states briefly to be that "England's greatest customers have foolishly spent all their money, others have lost it by misadventure, and others again have perished bodily. In India the recent famine is computed to have caused between four and five millions of deaths, to say nothing of untold impoverishment; in China the destruction from the same cause has been far more sweeping. There has been a famine in the Brazils. There have been three bad harvests in succession at home. The inflation in certain trades with America has collapsed. Political events in France and in the East filled the commercial world with disquiet. All these things in some of the greatest and most depressed of our industries are enough to explain the want of trade without going further." But Mr. Morley does go further, and shows that anterior to the sweeping misfortunes of late years there was a destructive competition in various industries, more particularly coal and iron and shipbuilding. With the heavy business done during the continuance of the exhaustive wars in this country and Europe there were great profits, reckless extension of factories, overstocked markets, losses in trade and consequent collapse. The result of this state of things has been the loss of an enormous capital; but there have been some countervailing advantages in the reduced cost of living, which have been a vast relief to consumers. Mr. Morley's remedy is curtailment of production, and he sees no better way to effect it than by shortening the hours of labor. He treats American competition with contempt, and says that with our "two-edged tariff" we have cut off on one side foreign competition and on the other all foreign markets for our products. Our sales effected in English markets he regards as only a proof of the desperate straits to which our manufacturers have been driven, with large stocks of goods on hand which they could not dispose of at home and which they have been obliged to sell abroad for what they would fetch.

We do not know that Mr. John Morley's individual opinion on subjects belonging to the domain of political economy carries any great weight, but he represents a class of leaders of English opinion who are blind to many things which men with fewer and weaker prejudices would see clearly, and who are misleading all who put faith in their teachings. England no longer enjoys a monopoly of the advantages which in times past made her the world's workshop. What other countries are gaining in this respect they will not surrender, and the competition which English speakers and writers affect to despise is grinding British commerce as between millstones. During the year 1877 the imports of merchandise into the United Kingdom were of the value of £394,419,682, namely: From foreign countries, £204,365,684, and from British possessions, £89,553,998. The total is equal to £11,15/10 per head of the population of the United Kingdom. The exports of British and Irish produce and manufactures in the year were of the value of £198,893,065, equal to £5. 18/11 per head of population; £128,969,715 being the value of these exports to foreign countries and £69,923,350 to British possessions. To this is to be added £53,452,955, the value of foreign and colonial produce exported, making the total export of merchandise £252,346,020. The total value, therefore, of imports and exports was £646,765,702, equal to £19. 6/9 per head of population of the United Kingdom. It exceeded £20 per head in each of the four years 1872-75. This does not include £12,182,241, the value of the foreign merchandise transhipped at ports in the United Kingdom. The imports of gold and silver bullion are stated in the custom house accounts at £37,152,799, and the exports at £39,810,619. These make the entire import in 1877, £431,572,481, and the entire export, £292,156,639. This shows an excess of British imports over exports of £39,415,842, or about \$677,560,990. We are willing to concede England's greatness in many things, but her boasted "commercial supremacy" is at an end. She is not tottering to ruin, nor is she likely to lose her place among the great powers while she holds her vast empire together. She has immense resources of accumulated wealth and many great and permanent advantages; but she is no longer the workshop of the world, nor will she be again.

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Foreign Swindlers and American Dupes.

We feel it to be our duty to warn American manufacturers against a class of swindlers in other countries who, taking advantage of their desire to secure foreign orders, are endeavoring to obtain consignments of delivery on purchase, with promise of payment on receipt of invoice, of valuable lots of American goods. One of these swindlers is a fellow named Mendelson, operating in Berlin. His letters have a business-like appearance, are duly stamped, and read like honest business communications. They always give what purport to be references, but which will not bear looking up. We give below a sample of this person's correspondence, received some time since by a merchant in this city:

BERLIN, Aug. 12, 1878.

Mr. ——, New York—DEAR SIR: I have obtained your catalogue and price list and have drawn up a small sample order on another page. If the goods are suitable I shall give you an order for several hundreds for the next season. I shall send you the amount for this order immediately upon receipt of goods in a draft on New York.

Looking forward to yours, I am yours, &c.,

A. MENDELSON.

This was accompanied by several references and a memorandum stating what goods were wanted, with the catalogue prices. Before filling the order the gentleman to whom it was sent referred it to the house who handles his goods for export, and by them it was forwarded to a well-known and respectable correspondent in Berlin. The result was the discovery that Mendelson is a swindler, and that the whole object of the order was to defraud the manufacturer out of the goods he might be induced to send him as samples. His references are pronounced utterly worthless and the whole thing bogus.

We have heard of similar cases before, and have already published correspondence concerning this same Mendelson, showing that he is trying to operate in various kinds of American hardware. We should be under obligations if, when manufacturers obtain convincing proof that orders received by them are sent by swindlers, they would send us the names and authorities. We warn our manufacturers to be on their guard against such swindlers. Irresponsible people who get our manufacturers for nothing sell them at any price they can get, and quickly destroy a market by demoralizing prices to such an extent that reputable dealers will not handle our goods. We do not doubt that many of them have learned wisdom from experience in this respect; but some who have had the experience have not yet gained the wisdom. It is, we think, always desirable and often necessary that the manufacturer should make himself acquainted with the wants of foreign markets, and that, so far as possible, he should make an effort, personally or by responsible representatives, to promote the introduction of his goods; but their distribution can always be most safely and satisfactorily effected through resident agents, who will scan credits closely and look sharply after collections.

American Trade Statistics for Seven Months.

The Bureau of Statistics at Washington has published the statistics for the first seven months of 1878, as compared with the same period in 1877, showing that after deducting the precious metals our import of commodities free of duty amounted to \$77,209,638, against \$91,653,156 during the same period in 1877, and that of dutiable goods to \$172,944,771, against \$205,631,054; together \$250,244,409, against \$297,284,210. Ded

in most items consumed in times of peace, and, as we have pointed out, a gain in several.

The Resuscitation of Cuba.

The recent reported decree of the Spanish government, admitting machinery and cattle into the eastern end of Cuba free of duty for one year, excites lively interest among manufacturers and others concerned. But it appears that after investigation the government found it advisable to delay its intended action. Information obtained at the office of the Spanish Consul in this city was not conclusive as to whether the decree referred to has or has not gone into effect. In the absence of any official information, the consul produced a letter from a mercantile source in Havana which says the decree had been intended for promulgation long ago, but the obligation to which the government was bound by its arrangement with the Colonial Bank, which was to receive all duties collected, prevented its being carried into effect. The consul construes the letter as meaning that the government contemplated the admission of machinery and cattle into the two eastern provinces free of duty, but is delayed in its action by a pledge of customs duties to secure a loan by the Banco Colonial. On the other hand, a Havana merchant just arrived states verbally that he understood that the decree is already in force. Mr. Ward, of the Havana steamship line, so understands it, but by referring direct to the custom-house authorities we learn that the Collector of the Port has as yet received no official notification. There is reason to believe, in any case, that the contemplated measures of relief will not be long delayed in their execution. The Havana merchant referred to, in common with others in the Havana trade, attributes much importance to efforts making to restore the fertile districts now well-nigh devastated, and of which Nuevitas, Baracoa and Manzanillo are the chief ports. Within that area were located about one-fourth of the sugar estates, also most of the coffee plantations, and about one-half the territory devoted to grazing; but no tobacco was grown there of any consequence. A South street merchant, who is largely concerned in the Cuban trade, says that many of his correspondents who were driven out by the insurrection are returning home from their temporary refuge in the other West India Islands, in Mexico, South America and elsewhere, and are anxious to restore their property to its former productiveness, but are so much crippled by the lack of money that recovery must necessarily be slow. Their first necessity is the supply of machinery for crushing cane, evaporating pans, boilers, &c. The representative of one of our large iron works which formerly did a large business with the eastern end of Cuba, says that while they have numerous inquiries only a single order has been received thus far from that section since the return of peace. They were expecting much, but the heavy rains have brought disappointment. An improvement, however, cannot be long delayed.

Mr. Ward, of the Havana steamship line, remarks that Cuban business is fair, but there is no special change as yet, compared with former years. Always at this season more or less of machinery, boilers, &c., is exported from the United States. The future, however, is bright with promise for Cuba. With duties removed the impoverished inhabitants will obtain credit with manufacturers, and by gradual processes of recuperation prosperity will again be restored.

Cars on Some New England Railroads.

The accident on the Old Colony Railroad which occurred on Tuesday has some features that should attract the closest attention of railroad men and engineers. The number killed and injured, and the damage done to the train, strikes the reader at once as being entirely out of proportion to the speed and the violence of the shock. The train at no time exceeded 20 miles an hour, and the collision was with a single baggage car. This is not a matter of surprise, however, to those familiar with the construction of many of the cars upon the Old Colony road. The one English coach of which the road boasted, the only one in the country, is reported to have crushed up like a cardboard box. The other cars, from their "cross framing," were weak, probably having no long sills save those at the side. We regard the accident as on a par with the Revere slaughter of a few years ago, due entirely to weak cars, and we shall expect that all future accidents on several of the Eastern roads will produce similar horrors so long as these weak cars are allowed to run. Three years ago an accident not dissimilar happened to the limited express on the New Jersey Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, running at a speed of rather more than 35 miles per hour. The ends of two cars were broken and one man killed. No cars were wrecked and only one or two platforms smashed. With such cars as were run on the train wrecked at Woburn last Tuesday, the probabilities are that everyone on the train would have been killed or mangled. Whatever we may think as to the measure of responsibility which attaches to the managers of the Old Colony road for this and previous accidents, further loss of life from the use of such cars as are now employed on some of

the roads running out of Boston will be properly attributable to criminal negligence of precautions known to be necessary for the protection of life and limb. Many of these cars are old and will probably not be duplicated, but we can say from personal knowledge that within a few years cars of the same faulty design of framing and inherently weak at every point were still built at several of the car shops about Boston. With regard to the English coach which, we are glad to say, the Old Colony road lost in the accident of Tuesday, or any other cars of like construction and with side doors, there is no room for differences of opinion among intelligent railroad engineers. Their employment is a crime, and death resulting from their use might be classed as manslaughter without injustice to anyone.

The Mileage of Cast-Iron Car Wheels.

The following very interesting letter is a valuable contribution to the literature of railway operation:

To the Editor of The Iron Age: A recent paragraph in your paper on the mileage of 42-inch car wheels may undesignedly give a false impression as to the "capacity for mileage" of cast-iron wheels of any size. The wheels referred to are stated to have averaged 91,000 miles at the date of the report, and one of them to have reached 148,000. The writer adds: "We do not know whether a better showing than this for cast-iron wheels has ever been made; we are inclined to think that it has never been equalled," and anticipates an average mileage of 150,000 for the lot in question.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company took out, in February, 1876, two pairs of 33-inch Pullman car wheels that had run respectively 110,008 and 159,312 miles, one of the wheels being still worth putting under a freight car. Of the 112 33-inch Pullman car wheels taken out in that month, 29 had run over 70,000, 13 over 80,000 and six over 90,000 miles. The company have record also of one 33-inch wheel that had run 169,000 and another 178,000 miles. The average mileage of all the 33-inch passenger car wheels (worn out) removed during the first six months of 1878 was 73,760. All the above were made under the Hamilton Steel Wheel Co.'s patents, and all by the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., with the exception of the one reaching 178,000 miles, which was made by Whitney & Sons, of Philadelphia.

The firm mentioned showed a 33-inch passenger car wheel at the Centennial Exhibition that had run 120,000 miles, and has lately received two pairs of 30-inch passenger car wheels of 80,000, and a pair of 28-inch tender wheels of 135,825 mileage, all of their make.

Taking into view the difference in circumference from the above, the 42-inch wheels may, from their data, be reasonably expected to make more than 150,000 average mileage.

J. S. WHITNEY.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 4, 1878.

The facts stated by our correspondent are exceedingly interesting, not only as showing the extraordinary life of the American cast iron wheel, but because they prove very conclusively, what has for a year or two been a conviction among railroad men, that the quality of cast iron wheels has been steadily improving. At the meeting of the Master Car Builders' Association, at Cincinnati, Ohio, one of the questions proposed for discussion was "Car wheels—their mileage and breakage." At the monthly meetings at the association rooms in this city during the winter, the subject was very thoroughly discussed by both car builders and wheel makers. Notes were compared, figures obtained, and the freest interchange of ideas took place. The car builders and railway men during the discussion became pretty generally determined to obtain more accurate statistics in regard to the life of their car wheels, and the wheel makers determined that it was not only possible but profitable to improve the quality of their wheels. While we believe that the wear of the older wheels has been underestimated, we are equally certain that the quality of wheels has been vastly improved. The figures which Mr. Whitney gives show several facts very plainly. Taking the case of the tender wheels, 28-inch, which have made 135,825 miles, it is evident that the chill upon the tread must have been exceptionally hard and tough, as the brake action on these wheels is extremely severe. The iron must have had a high tensile strength to stand the hard work beneath a tender. We presume it would show upward of 30,000 pounds per square inch. Lastly, the wheels must have been truly circular and accurately matched upon the axle, or they would have given out long before 130,000 miles were reached. The difficulties of securing these conditions are often urged against cast wheels, but the facts seem to be that a first-class cast wheel is as nearly a circle as a hard-tired steel wheel when fresh from the lathe. We shall not be surprised to see 42-inch wheels of equal quality of metal and workmanship make 200,000 miles and even more, as that figure would not be as remarkable as the figures given by Mr. Whitney for the smaller wheels.

The recent returns of the breakages of wrought-iron wheels on the German railroads, show that those in use in that country are by no means equal in any respect to the American cast wheel. They have the inconvenient habit of going to pieces without warning while the train is in motion—a thing that a good cast wheel never does.

An English steamer lately made a stop at Lord Howe Island, in the South Pacific. It had just 25 inhabitants—men, women, and children—who very rarely heard anything

of the rest of the world. They were said to live in happy content, their only complaint being the want of a schoolmaster and of clothing.

New Publications.

IRON AND STEEL WORKS OF THE UNITED STATES, 1878. Published by the American Iron and Steel Association. Price, \$2.

Mr. Swank's directory of the iron works of the United States, comprising the names, descriptions, location, ownership, &c., of blast furnaces, rolling mills, steel works, Catalan forges and bloomeries, is the only directory of its kind, and is an invaluable work of reference for all directly or indirectly connected with the iron trades. When first published this directory contained some inevitable though unimportant errors. Some furnaces were omitted and some were named without particulars, owing to the inability of the compiler to get the information sought. Mr. Swank has devoted much time and attention to its revision, and in its present shape the information given concerning each iron works is as full and complete as could be desired. The only improvement we could suggest would be to number the paragraphs, and in a quarterly or semi-annual appendix note opposite corresponding numbers which furnaces and mills are in operation and which are not. This would make the directory of still greater practical value; and considering the fact that Mr. Swank receives regular returns from the trade, the work of revising the supplement twice a year would not, perhaps, be greater than he could undertake. We think our suggestion will meet with approval of the whole trade, and as Mr. Swank is always ready to give the trade what they want, he may find it worthy of his attention.

A MANUAL OF THE MECHANICS OF ENGINEERING AND OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF MACHINES. Vol. II. Part II. Heat, Steam and Steam Engines. By Dr. Phil. J. Weisbach. Translated by A. Jay Price, Ph. D. John Wiley & Sons, New York. Price, \$6.

The second part of the second volume, which is now complete, of Prof. Weisbach's great work, has been rendered accessible to English and American readers, and we can only tender to Prof. DuBois our congratulations for the prompt manner in which it has followed the first volume. It makes his promise of an early publication of the third volume, the original of which is now being revised by Prof. Herrmann, of Aix-la-Chapelle, one upon which readers may depend.

The part before us contains chapters on the properties of heat, on steam, steam-generating apparatus and on the steam engine. Heat is very fully treated in upward of 70 pages, and as the theoretical researches on the subject have done very little to affect results arrived at years ago, minor changes or additions from the original were called for. We notice Siemens' pyrometer and a short abstract of Pictet and Cailletet's liquefaction of the permanent gases. In the chapter on steam a series of tables on the properties of saturated steam, and the recent calorimetric trials of fuels by Scheurer-Kestner and Meunier-Dollfus are the only additions. As the rapid and incessant progress made in steam generating apparatus makes every work on the subject obsolete in a decade, it is not to be wondered at that Weisbach's treatise is somewhat out of date. This defect has been clearly recognized by the translator, who with the co-operation of Mr. Richard H. Buel, C. E., has carried the work as near the present standard of acknowledged good practice as the scope of a text book, which can only recognize fully established progress, will admit. The same applies to the steam engine, which, however, will be treated in detail in the third volume. The publishers announce that they will soon issue a supplement to the present volume, which is to take the place of the third volume until the latter is also given to the public.

Prof. Weisbach's work needs no recommendation, and it is but just to the translator to say that whatever defects it possesses have been carefully corrected by the supplementary notes and data published with the text. He has succeeded in doing this without giving the work a disjointed character, and we hope that this success will enable him to cope with the more difficult task before him. The printing is admirable, and the tables of figures are very clear. We regret that the beauty of the original illustrations has somewhat suffered by reproduction, and we would in a friendly way point to some mistakes in proof reading, such as the sudden reappearance of "steam generating apparatus" in the chapter on the steam engine, pp. 285 and 301, and the plural of the German Thermometer as "Thermometers," on page 3.

AUTUMN LEAVES UPON THE LEHIGH.

We are indebted to the Crane Iron Company for a copy of a very beautiful and interesting publication bearing the above title, which describes, with excellent illustrations, the principal scenes of interest along the line of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, including some of the principal iron works and manufacturers. Among the points of interest illustrated and described are Eas-ton, with its Lafayette College; Bethlehem, with its public and historic buildings, the structures of the Moravian colony, the Lehigh University and the Bethlehem Iron Company; Allentown, with its picturesque surroundings; the Crane Iron Works at Catasauqua; Portland and the Coplay Cement Works; the Warrington Quarry at Slatington; the Lehigh Emery Wheel Works at Weissport; Mauch Chunk, with its wonderful scenery and remarkable engineering; the cataracts of Glen Onoko; the Wyoming Valley, with its industries; Oliver's Powder Mill at Laurel Run; the Hazard Wire Rope Works at Wilkes-Barre and the Wyoming Valley Stock Farm at Pittston. The little work is happily named. We know of no place in the world more beautiful in October than the Lehigh Valley, and nowhere else have we seen such a wonderful panorama of color as may be seen from a car window along the Lehigh Valley road as it follows the winding of the river. This section of Pennsylvania is always interesting, but doubly so in the autumn months, and we have more than once made the journey for

the pleasure of seeing the wonderful brilliancy of its autumn foliage.

MAXIMUM STRESSES IN FRAMED BRIDGES. By Prof. Wm. Cain, A. M., C. E. Van Nostrand's Science Series, No. 38. Price, 50 cents.

This is a reprint from Van Nostrand's *Eclectic Magazine*. The subject is one of such momentous importance that every standard contribution to its literature merits the attention of constructors and engineers. Prof. Cain determines the unit strains by a modification of Launhardt's formula proposed by himself, considering it to be peculiarly adapted to the comparison of trusses. He has fully developed the maximum stresses which can ever occur in the web members or chords of bridges. The work, which has the usual somewhat disadvantageous shape of the "Science Series," is fully illustrated, and numerous tables and examples give it value both as a guide in study and as a book of reference.

THE SANITARIAN.

We are in receipt of the October number of the *Sanitarian*, a monthly magazine which has in the five years of its existence proved its ability to occupy and fill in a highly creditable manner a field of research which is still neglected by many whose province it is to ameliorate the conditions affecting public hygiene. While the main burden of this duty necessarily falls to professional men, their efforts cannot be thoroughly successful unless they are seconded by every intelligent citizen, every householder, architect and builder. The rudiments of sanitary science must become universally known, and by contributing to foster popular interest and instructing the general public, as well as a smaller class of strictly professional readers, the *Sanitarian* possesses a large and, we hope, a rapidly-growing sphere of utility. The number before us contains an excellent article on "Sunlight and Solarization in Health and Disease," by E. C. Angell, M. D. Dr. John D. Tripe touches an important subject in his paper on the "Relations between Sewer Gas and Diphtheria," in which he cites a number of striking cases. A timely and valuable contribution to the hygiene of the school comes from Dr. E. Seguine, who, in his paper on the "Intervention of Physicians in Education," pleads for a daily medical survey of children at school, with a view not only to correct defective sanitary conditions of the class rooms or the surroundings of the school, &c., but as a quarantine measure against the introduction of zymotic or contagious diseases, and as a means of detecting and counteracting infirmity of the eyes and the ears, and to train, physiologically, the senses and the hand. The papers contain much that is suggestive of progress in hygiene and will impress the thoughtful reader with the magnitude and variety of the work that must be accomplished before a state of affairs thoroughly satisfactory is reached. The Editor's Table is, as usual, an excellent summary of what has come before public notice during the course of the month.

Scientific and Technical Notes.

A simple form of

TANGENT GALVANOMETER

has been recently introduced by Louis Schwander. The galvanometer has two coils—one of thick wire and few convolutions, offering no more than 1 ohm resistance; another of thin copper wire, having a greater number of convolutions, and a resistance of 100 ohms. Two sets of resistance coils for use with the above coils, respectively, one of 20 and 200 ohms, the other of 1000 and 2000 ohms. A simple reverser allows the readings of the galvanometer to be taken from either side of zero. In order that the strength of the currents passing through the coils may be as nearly as possible proportional to the tangents of the deflections, the magnet has a length of less than one-fifth of the diameter of the deflecting coil. The small magnetic needle carries a thin aluminum pointer fixed in the right angle of the needle. In order that the needle after each deflection may come sooner to rest, the aluminum point carries small wind fans of the same metal. When closing the box the needle is taken off its pivot. A magnificent illustration of the

OCCLUSION OF HYDROGEN BY PALLADIUM may be found, according to Prof. B. Silliman, in the exhibit of Johnson, Matthey & Co., at Paris. They show a disk of palladium within which 1000 volumes of hydrogen gas are condensed by occlusion. The original palladium disk had exactly 100 millimeters diameter and a thickness of precisely 2 millimeters. It was, before imbibing the enormous volume of hydrogen which it now holds, perfectly flat; and it was gauged by a ring within which it exactly fell. Now, this disk is a concave mirror, the new form being occasioned wholly by the molecular displacement due to the hydrogen it has absorbed; it no longer enters its gauge-ring, and its 100 millimeters diameter are now enlarged to 102.5 millimeters, and its original weight of 187.3775 grams is now increased to 188.2828 grams. This remarkable absorption of hydrogen has no visible effect upon the luster, color, or tenacity of the palladium alloy of hydrogen, if indeed it be an alloy. The hydrogen absorbed by palladium enters this metal when it is made part of the circuit of a voltaic battery, the gas usually evolved at the positive pole being then taken off its substance of the solid metal.

Hitherto the attempts made to construct a single fluid battery have almost invariably been failures. Recently, however,

PULVERMACHE'S BATTERY

seems to offer a solution of the problem. It consists of a porous jar surrounded by a silver wire which is rolled spirally, and is used as the negative pole of the element. The exciting fluid, dilute sulphuric acid, caustic potash or sal ammoniac solution, is cast into the porous jar, through which it percolates by capillary attraction. The positive pole is a rod of zinc, the top of which is covered with caoutchouc in order to avoid electrical contacts which might short circuit the battery. The small spirals of silver wire must be far enough apart not to cause capillary attraction to take place between

them. The electro-motive force of a couple charged with dilute sulphuric acid is nearly 2 volts.

The *Industrie Progressive* gives the following methods for

COLORING METALS.

Metals may be rapidly colored by covering their surfaces with a thin layer of sulphuric acid. According to the thickness of the layer and the duration of its action there may be obtained tints of gold, copper, carmine, chestnut brown, clear aniline blue, and reddish white. These tints are all brilliant, and if care be taken to scour the metallic objects before treating them with the acid, the coloring will suffer nothing from the polishing. On making a solution of 640 grains of lead acetate in 3450 grains of water, and warming the mixture to 88 or 90 degrees, it decomposes and gives a precipitate of sulphure of lead in black flakes. If a metallic object be immersed in the bath, the precipitate is deposited upon it, and the color produced will depend on the thickness of the deposit. Care must be taken to warm the objects to be treated gradually, so that the coloration may be uniform. Iron treated in this way has the aspect of bluish steel; zinc, on the contrary, becomes brown. On using an equal quantity of sulphuric acid, instead of the lead acetate, and warming a little more than in the first case, common bronze may be colored of a magnificent red or green, which is very durable. Very beautiful imitations of marble may be obtained by covering the bronze objects, warmed up to 100 degrees, with a solution of lead thickened with gum tragacanth, and afterward submitting them to the action of the precipitate spoken of above.

There are on exhibition at Paris two different kinds of

MANIFOLD WRITERS.

One of them consists of a metallic "slate" covered with tallow, mixed with one of the purple or red coal-tar colors. A sheet of tissue paper is laid thereon and written on with a hard pen without ink. On taking up the tissue paper the writing reversed is found upon the other side. The tissue paper is now laid (inky side up, of course) on several folds of wetted blotting paper; the writing paper intended for the reception of the impression is moistened (sponged over) with an aqueous solution of gum tragacanth, laid upon the matrix, and placed for a few seconds in a copying press. By these means 20 or 30 good copies can be obtained. The second of the manifold writers has sheets of varnished paper to write on, with an ink by which the varnish is destroyed and the paper rendered porous. This is then placed on an ink pad, and the writing paper to be employed upon the top. On squeezing, ink is forced through that portion of the paper from which the varnish has been dissolved, and an impression is produced. Seemingly, an indefinite number may be so obtained.

Prof. J. Lawrence Smith of Louisville, Ky., has recently made analyses of

NEW METEORIC MINERAL, DAUBREELITE.

The discovery of which he announced in 1876. From his present experience he has reason to believe that further research will show the constant presence of daubréelite in meteorites. The mineral occurs in small nodules mixed with troilite; it is black, scaly in structure, and is composed of 68 parts of sesquisulphide of chromium to 29.75 parts of sulphide of iron, closely approaching the formula $FeS + Cr_2S_3$.

Prof. J. C. Draper, in a paper contributed to the *American Journal of Science and Art*, places on record recent researches on

DARK LINES IN THE SOLAR SPECTRUM.

which possess a close relationship in position to the lines of oxygen, slight differences that exist being within the limits of error of experiment. His researches lead him to believe that to prove the presence of oxygen or other substances giving faint lines in the solar atmosphere is a problem which cannot be solved by the comparison of two spectra of small dispersion.

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G. L. REED. Signature of the Judge.

PHILADELPHIA, November 8, 1876.

Approval of Group Judges.

Daniel Steinmetz,
Jas. Bain,
Chas. Staples,

G. L. Reed,
J. D. Imboden,
Dav. McHardy.

A true copy of the record. FRANCIS A. WALKER, Chief of the Bureau of Awards.

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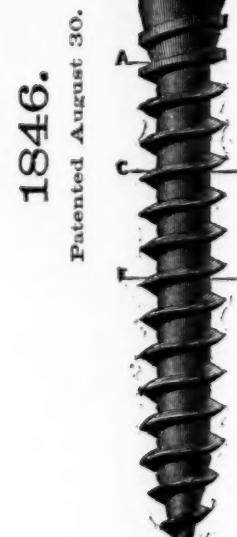
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Patented August 30.



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Section at Line C D
Section at Line E F



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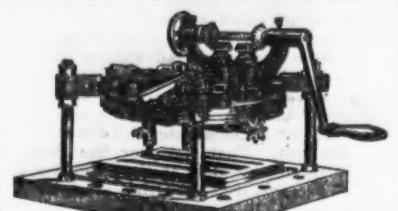
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On the Working of Fine and Wet Ores in Blast Furnaces, and on the Construction of the Latter.

To the Editor of *The Iron Age*: A great deal has been said of late in regard to the size, shape and kind of blast furnaces being operated in the different parts of the world. The members of the British Iron and Steel Institute, especially, are taking a great part in the almost universal cry of the iron-producing circle of "How cheap can we make iron!"

Some of the British metallurgists, during the late meeting of the Iron and Steel Institute, have given us some of the ideas of the European iron producer on topics such as on charging with a bell and hopper, an open top, or thimble, or on the modes of working fine, coarse, hard and soft ores, and on the behavior of ores carrying a percentage of moisture and of comparatively dry ores.

As regards charging a blast furnace, I shall not undertake to prove that it makes no difference whether we charge open topped or with cup and cone, but I will venture to say that a fine ore can be worked as well as a coarse ore with cup and cone charger, and that for ores absolutely requiring charging in the middle the bell could be made up cast, and the stock would all be thrown to the center of the furnace. As a case in point I will cite the working of Iron Ridge ore, found in Wisconsin, which is a hematite, fine as sea sand. It averages about 40 per cent. of metallic iron and is self-fluxing in a charcoal furnace, but not in a coke furnace. It was used in the Milwaukee Iron Co.'s No. 2 furnace alone, and made 420 tons of iron per week without the furnace either sticking or slipping. It was charged through a bell and hopper, and on starting the furnace ore was seen to run down through the coke before lighting it. The same furnace using the above ore (Iron Ridge) was at that time making iron with 22 cwt. fuel to the ton of No. 1 mill iron.

Another illustration of working fine ores was given us in the Forest of Dean, England, in 1854. For 40 years previous to that year had charged their furnaces with small pans, spreading the ore over the top of the coke. The ore being a fine hematite, it held the gas in the furnace, and the iron produced was of the best up to 1854; but in this year one of the then so-called experts in the art of manufacturing pig iron raised the furnace under his charge to feet higher and commenced charging with barrows or buggies, which proved a grand failure. The raw ores actually ran through to the tuyeres without melting. The only remedy of this evil was found to be to return to the former way of charging, which has been a standard mode of charging a blast furnace for the last 100 years in the Forest of Dean, one of the oldest iron manufacturing districts in Great Britain.

I maintain that the chief difficulty is not so much in the top or mode of charging the furnace as putting the boses in the right place to break the charge or properly mix it before it is delivered at the melting point. As regards the shape of the furnace below the tuyeres it makes no difference, in my opinion, what size is. Now, in reference to working ores carrying a great deal of moisture, the writer has worked ore in the Bowery Furnace at Frestburg, Maryland, that carried about 30 per cent. of water and was somewhat softer than ordinary clay when prepared for making bricks. After

charging the ore raw for some time and

making good foundry iron I tried drying the ore with a kiln constructed for that purpose, but the furnace did not

work one whit better than when I charged

all raw wet ore, nor was the iron of better

quality during all this time. The furnace

was lined inside according to the Elgie pat-

ent with two fore parts (similar to the Rus-

sian oval or oblong furnace), its hearth being

6 feet by 9 feet, with four tuyeres on each

side. The bosh was 18 feet by 12 feet and

the top 9 feet by 6 feet. The cup and cone

by which the furnace was charged were

also oblong, being 6 feet by 3 feet. By this

plan of working wet ores the furnace would

sometimes hang or scaffold 36 or even 40

hours, and it has been known to expand the

material and push it up in the furnace as

much as 3 feet in one night, which occurred

of course only while the material was stick-

ing. The furnace was working the native

ores of that place, and averaged about 60

tons per week for about five months, the

fuel used being 1 ton 15 cwt. per ton of iron

made. I then tried pushing the tuyeres into

15 inches over on the inside, with the result

that the fine ore ran down the walls of the

linning, so that by pulling out one of the

tuyeres we were able to shovel out raw ore.

This action of course injured the working of

the furnace and the quality of the iron. The

change I then adopted was to make it an

oblong furnace, with a hearth 6 feet by 3

feet, having two tuyeres on each side. I

stopped up one fore part and inserted a

tuyere in its place. The bosh remained of

the same size as the previous one, but was car-

ried up 10 feet higher in the furnace and

the slope made 3 inches to the foot instead

of 6 inches as in the previous furnace lining.

It then made iron with 2500 pounds of fuel

to the ton of iron, or, I may safely say, the

saving was 1000 pounds of coke to the ton of iron made, and the coke was also in-

creased from 60 tons per week to 140 tons,

which proved a great saving in labor alone.

The material used was the same in both

cases, and in this one case is a good proof that

the one grand secret in building blast

furnaces is to put the bosh in the right place

to break the charge at the proper point, so

that it is properly prepared for the melting

zone. No matter how nicely we may adjust

it in the charging apparatus, if the boses

do not properly mix it the run will be a fail-

ure economically, and perhaps otherwise

also.

Now, as regards capacity I maintain that

a furnace should be built of such a size that

the pressure on the top will be in a certain

proportion to the pressure at the tuyeres.

For instance, the back pressure should be

equal to:

Pounds.

Hof-blast pine charcoal..... 1

" hard wood charcoal..... 1 1/2

" bituminous coal..... 2

" charred coal..... 2

" Connellsdale, Durham, Welsh or any

" coke of equal strength..... 2

" anthracite coal..... 6

The back pressure not being greater than

the above, the furnace will be open enough

to allow a natural draft when the blowing

engine is stopped and the bell is lowered to

allow the gas to escape, thus enabling the

operators to see through the tuyeres, without

being troubled with any quantity of gas.

My mode of ascertaining the back pressure

of a furnace is to fit up all ready for blow-

ing, heat the blast up to about 1000 degrees

or the heat required after starting the fur-

nace, run the blowing apparatus say 20 rev-

olutions per minute, and note the pressure.

After the furnace is started and settled to

work, run the blowing apparatus, and regu-

late the heat so that it is the same as when

the furnace was empty, and note the pres-

sure. Then the pressure attained when the

furnace is full, minus the pressure attained

when the furnace is empty, will be the

back pressure of the furnace, and it is my

belief that the above table will regulate

either coarse, fine, wet or dry ores, soft or

hard fuels; in fact it was upon these calcu-

lations that I designed the Lucy No. 1 of

Pittsburgh, and the Soho in the same ratio,

and it has been my experience for the last

20 years that anything beyond the table just

given entails a sacrifice of fuel. After run-

ning Lucy No. 1 for 4 years or more, and be-

ing entirely satisfied with its working (ac-

cording to Mr. Kloman), Lucy No. 2 was made

a copy of Lucy No. 1 as far as the inside lines

were concerned. The Soho Furnace was de-

signed proportionately the same as the Lucy

No. 1, and should if properly managed have

done as good work, as the materials used were

the same in both cases.

The Cleveland engineers tell us how to

charge, blow and design a furnace after it

has been in operation 4 or 5 years, and

even as long as 50 years. We do not want

to hear so much what is being done in a mis-

taken way but to alter these mistakes, other-

wise all the scientific papers in the world

will never benefit us any. When our in-

formants on the shape of an inwall are giv-

ing us information, we would like to know

the material they intend or recommend to

be used in them, the quality of iron expected

and the quantity of fuel to be used per ton.

Our ex-vice-president of the American In-

stitute of Mining Engineers, in speaking be-

fore the Cleveland Institute, said that the

Lucy Furnace was a model for the Cleve-

land district to copy from, and at the last

meeting stated that the Soho Furnace when

first built was a failure. Yet the two fur-

naces were designed by the same man, and

the inwall were exactly the

THE PARIS EXPOSITION.

GENERAL NOTES.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

THE IRON AGE,
American Section Exposition Universelle,
PARIS, Sept. 25, 1878.

The awards are now an open secret—at least so far as English and American exhibitors are concerned. Publication in various newspapers of the one list, and an official private notification from the Commissioner General to those in his court who have been adjudged successful by the judges in the other, have quelled all the complaints that arose when it was announced that the day of award had been postponed. But these, no longer heard, have given way to others of a nature not unknown to former competitive displays. The story is briefly told when we say that the general cry of incompetency and unfairness raised by many of the foreign participants against juries composed one-half of Frenchmen has been echoed by the English-speaking exhibitors. We do not pretend to decide who is right or who may be wrong in the matter, but it is inexorable logic that where there are 50,000 exhibitors and 25,000 prizes it is not possible that every exhibitor can gain a prize. Rehearings have been asked in many instances. As the rule they have been granted, though some of the demands had better have been dismissed. I know an American exhibitor who has a clever little cabinet hardware patent, and he told me the other morning that he had succeeded in getting a rehearing and now felt tolerably certain of a gold medal. He said he had the thing all "worked," and somebody high in authority assured him that the award would be given. This is but boy's play, of course, discreditable to every one connected in any way with it; but it is a heritage of former world's fairs. The French exhibitors complain bitterly of the delay. They say that while other nations have been informed in advance of the result, they have been kept in the dark. If an official announcement would be ordered, even though the formal presentation is not celebrated for a month to come, they would be satisfied. A tirade of abuse is the result of this feeling. A Frenchman, when he sets his heart on abusing a man, shows fairly those two qualities which the greatest Frenchman of any age said were the distinguishing attributes of his countrymen. Voltaire, you will remember, said that a Frenchman was half tiger and half ape. Commissioner-General Krantz, according to their talk, is to resign, and is to do other equally improbable things. His greatest crime, as Sala puts it, seems to be the unpardonable one of being unable to please everybody. The various complaints have had their due share of effect. A deputation of large exhibitors recently waited upon M. Krantz, and at his instance, it is said, that the late day named for the ceremony of award is being reconsidered by the Minister. Should he think favorably of changing the date from October 21, I doubt if it would make much difference at the Champ de Mars, which is now a great camp of discontent.

Tickets of the second series in the National lottery are selling. The first million was disposed of quickly. The second promises to be equally successful. This new batch puts more money at the disposition of the management, who can therefore bring more workmen and overseers from the provinces to study the Exhibition than was at first intended. People have bought tickets very liberally, in Paris and throughout France. The committee of the lottery met last week, and the Minister of Agriculture and Commerce announced that 1,050,000 was the number of *billetts* already sold. In the presence of this success, the sum originally designated for bringing to the Exhibition working people unable to pay their own expenses was doubled by the committee, who decided to expend 500,000 francs for the purpose instead of 250,000. Additional money was allotted for the purchase of more prizes. There will be one grand prize of 100,000 francs. The distribution of tickets is prosecuted with vigor by merchants of all classes. Some give them to customers buying a certain amount of goods. Others use them as brilliant advertising means. A large manufacturing concern, thinking the ultimate purpose of letting poor workmen visit Paris at the government's expense so good, have bought many sheets of tickets to help the cause. These they distributed among their help. Like all other subjects brought before a large number of people, this lottery scheme (in a country in which lotteries are forbidden) has been fruitful of scores of strange experiences. One of these is very amusing. There was published in the papers of the other morning a letter from the mayor of a small town in the South of France, in reply to the official circular asking him to aid in the distribution of tickets. His letter was brief, and breathed a little of the spirit of the old Roman consul who sentenced his two sons to death that the laws might be respected. It said that the mayor was very sorry he could not assist in the promulgation. He should advise his people to spend their money in the much more commendable course of buying manure for their farms than in encouraging an act forbidden by the laws of the land, and which the government itself is the first to break.

It is very common in the foreign sections to meet the label, "Offered to the National Lottery." French merchants lead in this, but some of the visitors are close at their heels. One sewing machine is all I have seen in the United States court that has been given. A few days ago the committee deputed to buy various goods for the lottery visited our section and made several purchases.

M. Krantz is organizing a grand concert for the benefit of the Louisiana yellow fever sufferers. It will be given in the Tredadero festival hall, and advance placards announce it as the most brilliant of the summer.

Germany, who took no prominent part in the Philadelphia Centennial, and who practically is not represented here, talks of an

exhibition for the advertising of her industries. Düsseldorf and Berlin are the two cities suggested as appropriate for such a fair. But these things are coming too often now. With a possible international exhibition at Milan and the two Australian ones, each of which is claiming before its birth to be the greater, and now this echo from Germany, merchants are beginning to look upon exhibitions in a rather unfavorable light. The suggestion recently made by a celebrated writer that each decade should have one world's fair seems much more sensible.

Speaking of the Sydney and Melbourne shows, I am told that an enterprising Englishman has been industriously going about in the French and English machinery sections securing exhibitors to represent. He has succeeded in getting 50, of whose displays he will take charge during the exhibition in the Australasian colonies.

Gossip about American Competition and the Exposition of 1878.

IV.

"Better not have shown at all than show as we have," Americans have again and again remarked in relation to certain sections of our department. "By no means," has been my reply; "doubtless we compare most unfavorably in steel and iron and their products, both great and small, as compared with our set-out at the Centennial; but it does not follow that because, compared with Philadelphia, Paris is almost nowhere in specimens of American manufacturing capability, America has done herself harm by the show she makes in the French capital. On the contrary, she has done herself lasting good." I am persuaded that the United States has given Europe a conception of her multiform capabilities as a worker in metals, alike useful and precious, that will increase for her the respect which Europe before, from less complete knowledge of our attainments, was beginning to encourage. Of all this the outcome will be that to call any article of manufacture—any product of invention, "Yankee," will be to dub it with an epithet, which, if my English friends will allow me the retort, is equivalent, I suppose, to the phrase "Brummagem," as applied to certain English metal wares. "Brummagem" I take to be slang for "cheap and nasty," as some Englishman, I think, has put it.

It is no secret, as I have in previous gossip intimated, that English and Continental manufacturers alike are seeking specimens of American products, as well in the completed article as in the machinery by which it is turned out, that they may put them into the hands of their copyists to reproduce. The considerable number of American wares which by labels proclaim their own sale in some part indicate this. Thus we are complimented if we are not immediately and largely advantaged. "Better have kept the wares at home," retorts my objector. "Not so," I respond. The game of imitation and counterfeit does not always pay, even with the apparently successful, and it is seldom that the genuine is not demanded through the counterfeit. But the sales which have been effected are not nearly all of this class. They relate also to *bona fide* purchases by private consumers who never before thought of acquiring American wares. Once opened up it will be our fault if the traffic is not continued, indeed enlarged. The industrial mission of America will be more than ever understood by Americans after this exhibition as that of having to supply the world with requisites that more than any other country America knows best how to supply.

If Messrs. Wm. Bird & Co., who show the Stow flexible shaft, do not get a continuity of the numerous orders they have already received on behalf of the Stow Company as the result of the showing of that article, I shall be much surprised. I noticed that the people who in crowds stood by the operator as with the shaft coiled around the beam he bored through wood, this way, that way, the other way, in a style with which many at home are familiar, seemed greatly struck with the facility for communicating power under otherwise complex conditions which by this machine was afforded to almost every branch of industry having need of a drill to get through metal or wood. Several English papers I have seen express all the surprise touching this invention expressed in the appearance and the utterances of the crowd. I have had curiosity enough to copy the phrase from the *Times* report about this one product from American steel wire sensibly used. "Pharaoh (says that paper) could not have been more surprised at seeing Moses' rod turn to a serpent than we were to see this rope-like affair eating into the planks set on sides for it to work on."

It will surprise me too if Trump Bros., of Wilmington, Del., do not find that for their Dexter and Fleetwood saws they have by exhibiting in Paris obtained custom in Europe which will largely add to the considerable business they are already doing in that comprehensive and most serviceable tool. The invention reminds one of the description which we used to read when we were children of the versatile capabilities of the trunk of the elephant. With equal ease we were told it could root up an oak or pick up a pin. This saw in one size as easily passes through an inch board as in another size it is capable of doing the finest jewelers' work. This seemed to forcibly impress the people whom I so often saw around these implements watching them in operation and examining the specimens of its handiwork. If the people of Tunbridge Wells, England, whose pretty wood work fills so many windows in the pleasure-taking town of this country, do not largely avail themselves of this saw they will have overlooked an opportunity for increasing their productive capabilities never, I should think, before presented to them. Scroll work in choice woods, in bone, in metal and in shell will, I am convinced, be soon more frequently adopted in certain art productions in England as the result of the greater knowledge of the Fleetwood which has been caused by the Exposition.

Visitors were prepared, I think, from what I noticed, to admire Collins & Co.'s (Hartford and New York) axes, machetes, cane knives, picks, &c., which Messrs. John E. Rollins & Co., American merchants of

Old Swan Wharf, London, had not too conspicuously set out for them, but I don't think that the majority had expected to see such perfection in finish as the tools displayed. Collins' work showed to advantage by the side of that of the Douglas Edge Tool Co., though not Collins' exhibit. The extent of the space devoted to the Collins goods was ridiculously incommensurate with the standing of the firm. That, however, the Douglas Co. showed so widely as they did I am gratified. To me it seemed that the bulk of the spectators, judging by the goods of the same class made in Europe, regarded the Douglas case as a fairer specimen of everyday work than that of Collins. The buyer from Collins knew, however, that the one was as fair a specimen of a mercantile product as the other was likely to be. Neither firm, in my view, will have cause to regret that they sent to the Exposition. Each will certainly have bettered its position in the Old World markets, and can hardly have failed to get customers from new markets.

Facing about from looking at the Douglas case, I was gratified with the complete exhibit of locks, and of door furniture generally, by Mallory & Wheeler. It caused me no surprise that the exhibitors' representatives should desire to impress upon visitors the merits of fastenings which are much more creditable to the firm than the very cheap locks that seem to have sold so well in England. Estimating by the style in which I have seen some of the light work done in English foundries, I am not surprised that English lock makers are in a fog as to the manner in which our fine castings are produced. Messrs. Mallory & Wheeler, like other neighboring exhibitors of similar wares, may be certain that their competitors will now be at greater unrest than before touching the manipulation of American castings. In no hardwares did the superiority of America over every other producing country which showed appear more conspicuously than in these builders' ironmongery goods. France has lately made very rapid strides in her metal castings of the less finished sort. A comparison of what she shows this year with what she showed at her last previous exhibition abundantly attests as much, and the cheapness of what in the builders' ironmongery line she offers at the current exposition is even more remarkable than the style in which the goods have been got out; but France, in useful light iron castings, remains a long way behind the States. It must be the duty of the State to keep her there. To that end it will be needful that no State in the Union rests satisfied with past attainments. If my gossip has any object in it that object is the urging of my fellow countrymen to keep going on. What I said in a previous letter about the effect upon others of America's success in reapers and binders and in handy plows, is equally applicable to light castings, to minor agricultural tools, to small pumps, to everything that is shipped from the States, nay to everything that is sold to be used in the States. With the competition of every country of Europe closely dogging our heels, the measure of every feature of superiority attained must be the measure of the necessity for further commensurate effort to retain that superiority.

Yet, again, it cannot be too frequently remembered, as I begin this letter by pointing out, that America puts into the hands of America's manufacturing competitors the means of intensifying the competition. I have glanced at a few of the numerous labor-saving appliances which Americans are offering to European manufacturers in this exposition. With the mention of one more I will close this letter, for I have nearly tired myself, and I am afraid I have wearied my readers. I refer to the hand-power molding machine which Aikin & Drummond, of Louisville, Ky., show in the Agricultural Hall. I don't know what business has been done in it at the exposition, but he will be a very sleepy fellow who, noting what America has done in the matter of light and of machine castings, and having before him a machine than which few Europeans, I venture to think, have seen a superior in any foundry anywhere, does not, if he be in the trade, possess himself of a duplicate.

I may have time to send you from this side another of my gossiping effusions before I return. This I write you from as lovely a spot as it has yet been my happiness to light upon in the old country.

GREAT MALVERN, Worcestershire, Sept. 7.

P. S.—I see that figures are now being quoted in respect of the unprecedented attendance at this exposition, and amazement expressed that notwithstanding the attendance the exposition does not and cannot pay. I wonder who ever thought that it would pay! Certainly no American having any knowledge of the Centennial, and comparing the way in which that and this has been managed—pay as a show I mean, apart from the incentives to business which it will cause, and apart from the spending for the benefit of Paris that it will have necessitated. As a speculation by France for the good of France it will have been a great success. There is not a reader of *The Iron Age* who will not rejoice that this exposition has proved that notwithstanding much opposition from her own political factions, the government and the republic can make a great international enterprise as successful as did the government of the empire. If it should come about that the balance sheet of the exposition shows a deficit of one or two millions which will have to be made up in taxes, no Parisian tradesman should grumble at having to contribute to the deficiency in a much larger sum than is likely to be demanded of him, for he would after all that be a great gainer. And who shall say much less as to the thousands of people who outside Paris have contributed to purvey the requisites of physical existence to the hundreds of thousands of people who have flocked and will yet flock to the exposition. To keep the doors open another three weeks would be to the further advantage of these people, but it would not lessen the deficit in selling its manufactures.

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Philadelphia paper preaches the gospel of honesty to bankrupt debtors. It says very truthfully that "whether a man has become a bankrupt by real misfortune or succeeded in having himself declared such by fraud and misrepresentation, he is none the less in honor bound to meet his legally discharged obligations should subsequent business successes enable him to do so. To fail in this respect is to declare himself a man without moral principle, and one wholly unworthy of future confidence." This is good doctrine, and were its spirit generally adopted we suspect that failures would be much rarer than they are. But the world will have to wait a long time, we fear, before such strict honesty as this becomes universal.

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Wire Rope Traction for the Brooklyn Bridge.

Col. Payne, engineer of the East River bridge superstructure, stated yesterday to a representative of *The Iron Age* that afeat worthy of mention was accomplished in bringing together the several strands which compose the main cables. All four of these enormous steel ropes are finished, exclusive of the wrapping, which is now well advanced. They are the largest of the kind ever made, and doubts were expressed whether it would be possible to bring the strands together so as to make a solid mass around the core; "but," says Col. Payne, "the circumference came out precisely as expected," measuring 49 inches, or more than 4 feet, before the wrapping commenced. This part of the work is going on without interruption from lack of funds. In other words, as stated by Col. Payne, "the suspended portion of the bridge is the only portion which is not suspended."

The great problem which remains to be solved and must soon be earnestly considered, relates to the manner of crossing the bridge. Shall this be attempted by running trains drawn by locomotives or by an endless wire rope? An invention of Col. Payne's has been adopted on a steep grade horse-car line in San Francisco with complete success. Its application involves an essential point, viz., the manner of attaching the cars to an endless rope so that the speed can be under perfect control and without the dangerous jerking which proved so detrimental in the first attempts to operate the Greenwich street road. Col. Payne contends that wire rope traction will save taking a locomotive over the bridge; cars will be run separately and not in trains; it will lessen the strain on the structure and diminish the wear and abrasion of the track, as the locomotive with its fuel and water would equal the weight of the cars, and all practically to no purpose. The plan favored is a pair of pulleys or sheaves by which each car can be attached to an endless rope in constant motion at maximum speed, the movement of the car to be regulated by friction applied to the rollers to retard their motion. When the brakes check the motion of the rollers they impart motion to the cars. The rollers (grooved to receive the rope) act as a bite, seizing the rope, and thus the car is propelled. When the brakes are lifted from the rollers the car stops. A letter from San Francisco says "the roller grip is a perfect success," and this on a grade of 370 feet to the mile, against 200 feet to the mile on the Brooklyn bridge. Thus a heavily loaded dummy and car is taken up the steepest grades and run at any speed desired, equal to or less than the speed of the cable, without wearing the rope or cutting the rollers. How to cross the bridge, in the opinion of some, ceases to be a question.

The Cost of a Strike.—A Bristol correspondent writes: Five weeks ago 1700 men, women and children engaged at the Great Western Cotton Works, Bristol, refusing a reduction in their wages of 5 per cent., came out on strike. They had no society, and the rate of wages having been none too high for some time past they had no resources. Deputations kept on sounding the manager, but the only answer was,

"We have an abundant stock in our Manchester warehouses, and if you refuse to take 5 per cent. reduction the mill will be shut for three months." On Monday the 1700 men, women and children returned to work at the proposed reduction. The average weekly wages paid at the mill is £800. Five times £800 is worth £4000. This is what the Bristol cotton operatives have thrown away within the last five weeks.

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Metallurgical Notes.

Dr. Siemens, in the discussion on Prof. Akerman's paper on "Recent Advances in the Manufacture of Iron and Steel," claims the following points as causing a difference in the product obtained by the open-hearth process. In the latter the quantity of steel produced from a given charge of pig is less than the quantity of pig used by some 15 per cent. or so, and to this extent any impurities present are concentrated, and therefore become proportionately greater in the finished product than in the raw material. In the Siemens-Martin process, on the other hand, the weight of the finished product is about equal to that of the pig charged, the loss of the latter being made up by the reduction of iron from the pure ores charged into the bath, and under these circumstances there is no such concentration of the original impurities of the pig as had been just alluded to.

ESSEN AND CREUSOT.

It is a curious fact that two of the greatest iron works of the Continent were aided at the outset by royal capital. The ill-fated Louis XVI was interested in a foundry at Creusot as early as 1782, while it is claimed that Krupp, of Essen, was started in his brilliant career by Prince William, now emperor, who, it is whispered, is still very extensively interested in the works at Essen.

FURNACE FOR HARDENING STEEL TIRE FLANGES.

Engineering illustrates an interesting furnace used in Austria since 1864 for partially hardening the steel tires of locomotives. The furnace has a small, square, central grate, above which the section of the furnace is circular. The wheel with the tire on it is placed on a projecting ring of the furnace, and the nuts of the tire bolts are slackened to allow the tire to expand from the wheel when heated. The annular space around the tire is then packed with coke in a state of ignition, and blast coming from a large number of nozzles attached to a circular blast pipe is directed at the flange of the tire under treatment. In order to insure uniform heating the wheel is turned around from time to time. When the flange of the tire, which is thinner and therefore heats more rapidly, has become dull red, the wheel is lifted from the furnace and the heated tire is plunged into water of 60° to 70° F. As a fragment shown by the Oravitz-Anima Railroad at Paris proves, this process hardens the steel to a depth of from 0.08 inch to 0.12 inch, especially near the root of the flange. The heating process, which must be rapid to insure its being local, requires only from 6 to 7 minutes. The inner part of the tire must be kept cool by a covering of old cotton waste constantly moistened. It is stated that tires so treated last twice as long as ordinary ones.

ANTIMONY ASSAY.

Becker advocates, in *Fresenius Zeitschrift*, the following method for assaying antimony ores: Melt one part of the ore with three parts of carbonate of soda and potash and three parts of sulphur in a porcelain crucible. Extract with water and decompose the filtrate with hydrochloric acid. Then convert to Sb_2O_3 . Generally the porcelain crucible is cracked in the operation.

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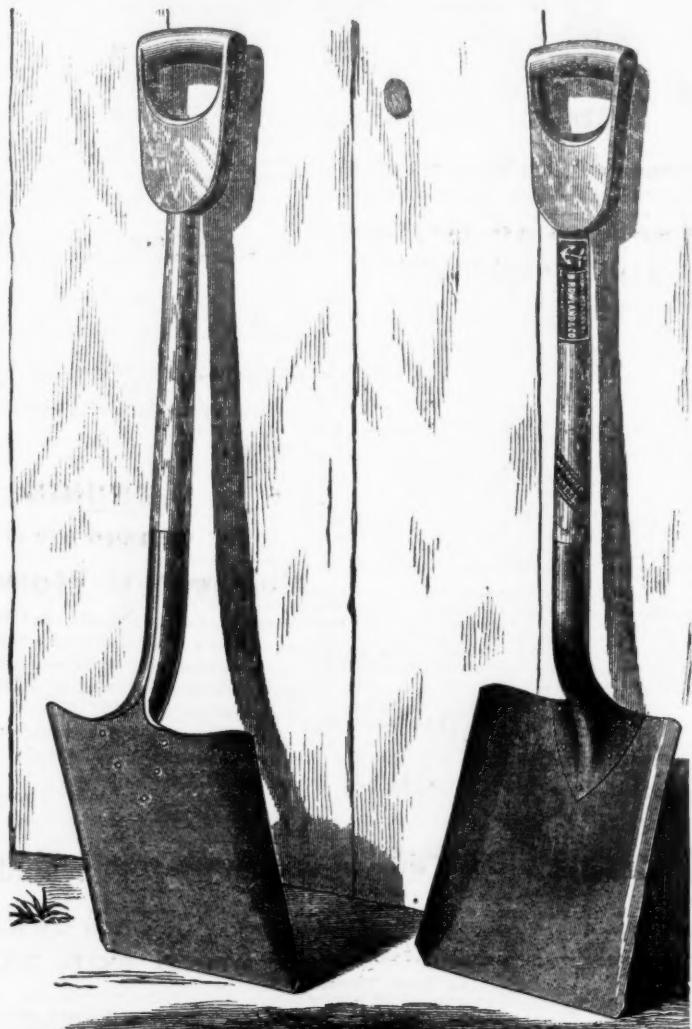
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We would particularly call the attention of the trade to the Patent B. Rowland & Co.'s Anchor Brand Shovel, as now manufactured by us, possessing as it does improvements in construction which render it the most perfect STRAP Shovel made. In it the old style of back strap is entirely dispensed with, and a front strap substituted, riveted and clamped firmly to the blade, clasping the handle in the manner of a ferrule, thus obviating all danger of tearing off strap and making a more beautiful finish front and back. These improvements add to the appearance of the shovel, enhancing its durability at least one-third, and warrant the assertion that all the Shovels we manufacture from this patent will prove the most desirable ever offered the consumer.

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All goods of this brand (which is copyrighted) are warranted in every respect, and we will guarantee that the following named PATENT RIVETED Shovels and Spades will be made from the gauge of Cast Steel specified:

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| D Handle Square Point Shovel | 13 gauge |
| D " Round " | 14 " |
| Long Handle Round Point Shovel | 15 " |
| D Handle Spades | 11 " |
| D " Western Coal Shovel | 15 " |
| D " Anthracite Coal Shovel | 14 " |

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few years by F. A. Thum, who has recently placed on record, in the *Berg. u. Hütte*, the results of long experience, aided by thorough theoretical knowledge. The shape of the distilling vessels, he says, is now almost the only point of distinction between the Belgian and the Silesian system. Their dimensions are determined by the quality of the clay and by their ability to exhaust in a given time as large a quantity of ore as possible. The diameter and the thickness of the Belgian retorts bear directly upon the time of distillation. If the walls are too thick or the diameter of the retort is too great, the charge will not be exhausted in 12 or 24 hours and the losses of metal are large, or the cost of production is increased. When the best quality of clay is used, as it must always be, the thickness of the walls of the retorts or muffles should not, on the average, exceed 1.4 inch, or 1 to 1.2 at the mouth and 1.5 to 2.1 at the bottom of the vessels, the temperature used being a white heat approaching the melting point of copper. Experience has taught that if the Belgian retort is to work 12 hours and the Silesian muffle 24 hours for one charge, the inside width of the vessels ought to be 6.2 to 6.6 inches. This uniformity of dimensions notwithstanding the great difference in time, is due to the difference in shape and to the fact that the retort is suspended free above the fire, while the entire length of the muffle must always rest on a solid support. The retort is supported at both its ends only, and must be able to bear both its own weight and that of the charge without bending, which limits its length to about 3.7 feet. The utmost height of muffle used hitherto has been 2.13 feet, the average height which is best to choose being 2 feet. If the above limit is exceeded, even the best quality of clay will not resist the widening action of the weight of the charge for any length of time. These dimensions are the result of long experience made independently in Silesia and in Belgium, and their uniformity sufficiently proves their importance for the manufacture of zinc. The only dimension which is not strictly limited is the length of the Silesian muffles, which in practice varies between the extremes of 3.94 and 7 feet.

Range mines so far this season have been as follows:

| | Gross tons. |
|-----------|-------------|
| Vulcan | 37,532 |
| Quinnesec | 17,714 |
| Emmett | 5,295 |
| Breen | 5,295 |
| Total | 59,738 |

It is proper to add that the above table does not include shipments by rail to the Menominee, Depere and Appleton furnaces—only that part of the product shipped from Escanaba to lower lake ports.—*Mining Journal*.

The following table shows the lake shipments of iron ore from the district since the opening of navigation the present year, together with the shipments for a corresponding period in 1877:

| | | |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| From Marquette | 1877. 468,103 | 1878. 443,943 |
| From Escanaba | 312,989 | 359,480 |
| From L'Anse | 32,547 | 29,015 |
| Total | 833,639 | 833,338 |

Showing the trifling decrease of 301 gross tons.—*Marquette Mining Journal*.

LEAD AND ZINC.

It is now stated that one of the leading mining and smelting companies in the city contemplate the erection of extensive zinc works in Joplin. Works of this kind should have been established here long since, and now that the difficulty in obtaining an abundance of fuel has been done away with by the building of several railroads into the city, it is sincerely hoped that the project will be carried through to success.—*Joplin News*.

The Joplin White Lead Works have changed hands and become the property of the Lone Elm Mining and Smelting Company, and will hereafter be operated and entirely controlled by that company. The works now ship an average of six cars of white lead per week.

The smelting works of the West Joplin Lead and Zinc Company are smelting 144,000 pounds of ore per week.

The Joplin Mining and Smelting Company have taken a new departure. They now use a battery and set off blasts in the Rooster pump shaft by electricity.

PRECIOUS METALS.

Indians have brought some crystallized quartz to Seattle, containing silver, copper and iron, found in the Cascade mountains.

Wells, Fargo & Co. shipped during the year ending July 1, \$2,060,511 of gold bullion and \$1,119,635 of silver from Montana.

Bullion Shipments.—Hillside, Sept. 19,

\$5500; Northern Belle, Sept. 16, \$4045.17;

18, \$4046.41; 21, \$4324.59; Standard, Sept.

16, \$18,947.56; Bodie, Sept. 16, \$14,000;

21, \$13,400; total to date, \$152,218; 23,

\$14,000; Leopard, Sept. 18, \$816,64; Hus-

sey, Sept. 18, \$7393.31; Con. Virginia, Sept.

21, \$54,049.41; total to date, \$106,254.35;

California, Sept. 21, \$68,525.84; total to

date, \$148,814.91; Tybo, Con., Sept. 16,

\$8140.49; Hackberry, Sept. 23, \$13,000;

Independence, Sept. 23, \$11,000; Indian

Queen, Sept. 16, \$4221.08; Black Jack,

Sept. 23, \$6102.19; Christy, Sept. 25,

\$5363; Manhattan, Sept. 24, \$11,600; McCracken Con., Sept. 23, \$8,600.66.—*Mining Press*, Sept. 28.

It is reported that river-bed gold diggings, panning \$20 per day to one man, have been discovered about 30 miles from Snohomish, Oregon.

We copy from the *Scientific Press* of Sept. 28 the following statement of the condition of Sierra Nevada: Sinking the main incline is being pushed ahead with all the vigor possible, the bottom in the same lively vein formation; the bottom still cutting at intervals the same regular vein and quartz formation as that which it has exposed for the past 200 feet. Sometimes no ore will be cut for several feet, when a hump or inequality will be encountered, upon cutting into which ore of the richest character will be encountered. On Sunday last an assay of ore thus exposed gave \$400 per ton. Yesterday the mine was visited by five different experts, who each took an average assay of the ore thus exposed at the bottom, the lowest of which was \$399 and the highest \$700 per ton. Passing through this the incline again gave lower assays, the best being \$124 and the poorest \$24 per ton, but again this morning passed into richer ore than any that has been exposed.

MISCELLANEOUS.
During the week ending September 20 25,380 pounds of quicksilver and 62,259 pounds of sulphur have been shipped from Calistoga to San Francisco.

Partial Destruction of the Passaic Rolling Mill.

Just before midnight of

Trade Report.

Office of THE IRON AGE,

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Oct. 9, 1878.

The failure of the Bank of Scotland has been the chief topic of interest in financial circles during the past week. The only effect of the failure in this market was to increase the demand for short-sight drafts on London and advance the gold premium to 100 $\frac{1}{4}$. Early in the week money advanced to 7 $\frac{1}{4}$, fell to 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ and recovered to 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ @ 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ for call loans. The rate on prime business paper is 5 @ 6 $\frac{1}{4}$.

In the gold market the range of fluctuations has been between 100 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 100 $\frac{1}{2}$. The average is about 100 $\frac{1}{4}$.

The bond market has been firm for United States bonds and quotations have advanced. The prices bid and asked at the close of business to-day are given below. State bonds are dull and firm; railroad mortgages strong and higher.

The stock market was generally weak, although in some shares there was an advance. The principal dealings were in the stocks usually most active.

The bank return for this week shows a decrease of \$2,361,250 in surplus reserve, which now stands at \$7,436,050, against \$8,490,350 at this time last year, and \$16,540,425 at the corresponding period in 1876. The loans show an increase this week of \$1,559,400; the specie is decreased \$599,900; the legal tenders are decreased \$2,318,500; the deposits are down \$2,228,600, and the circulation is decreased \$40,300.

The following is an analysis of the bank totals of this week compared with that of last week:

| | Sept. 28. | Oct. 5. | Comparisons. |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Loans | \$2,361,250 | \$2,361,250 | Inc. \$1,559,400 |
| Specie | 18,100,600 | 17,599,700 | Dec. 599,900 |
| Legal tend's | 45,680,700 | 43,320,800 | Dec. 2,318,500 |
| Total, reserve | 63,880,300 | 60,668,900 | Dec. \$1,918,400 |
| Reserve required | 10,332,000 | 11,103,400 | Dec. 2,228,600 |
| Surplus | 54,053,000 | 53,525,500 | Dec. 557,100 |
| Circulation | 9,397,300 | 7,436,050 | Dec. 2,361,250 |
| | 19,617,800 | 19,577,500 | Dec. 40,300 |

The foreign trade movements for the week are shown in the following tables:

| | Imports. | Exports. |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Sept. 28. | 1876. | 1877. |
| Total for week. | \$5,030,122 | \$5,729,759 |
| Prev. reported. | 220,370,829 | 249,000,549 |
| | 214,713,787 | |

Since Jan. 1... \$225,900,402 \$255,130,311 \$221,968,380

Included in the imports of general merchandise were articles valued as follows:

| | Quantity. | Value. |
|----------------------|-----------|---------|
| Anvils. | 302 | \$2,441 |
| Brass goods. | 28 | 4,397 |
| Bismuth. | 1 | 557 |
| Bronzes. | 24 | 6,592 |
| Bronzes and anchors. | 9 | 2,624 |
| Cutlery. | 53 | 18,660 |
| Guns. | 50 | 12,735 |
| Guns fixtures. | 1 | 10 |
| Hardware. | 8 | 532 |
| Iron pig, tons. | 10 | 1,428 |
| Iron sheet, tons. | 28 | 2,312 |
| Iron, other, tons. | 993 | 45,850 |
| Lead, pigs. | 300 | 1,613 |
| Metal, rods. | 103 | 14,557 |
| Needles. | 22 | 1,220 |
| Old metal. | 1 | 156 |
| Platina. | 1 | 6,220 |
| Plated ware. | 2 | 27 |
| Pew. caps. | 22 | 3,092 |
| Saddlery. | 5 | 921 |
| Steel. | 56 | 8,793 |
| Spikes. | 1436 | 75 |
| Screwware. | 6 | 105 |
| Tin, bxs. | 26 | 105,464 |
| Tin, bbls. | 25 | 75 |
| Tin, 1008 slabs | 449,920 | 63,000 |
| Wire. | 10,15 | 1,456 |
| Zinc. | 11,082 | 520 |

EXPORTS, EXCLUSIVE OF SPECIE.

| | For week ended Oct. 8: |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1876. | 1877. |
| Total for the week. | \$5,030,122 |
| Prev. reported. | 220,370,829 |
| | 249,000,549 |
| | 214,713,787 |

EXPORTS OF SPECIE.

| | For week ended Oct. 8: |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1876. | 1877. |
| Total for the week. | \$5,030,122 |
| Prev. reported. | 220,370,829 |
| | 249,000,549 |
| | 214,713,787 |

For week ended Oct. 5:

| | 1876. | 1877. | 1878. |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total for week. | \$5,030,122 | \$6,373,639 | \$7,183,567 |
| Prev. reported. | 197,745,298 | 209,548,035 | 261,444,405 |

Since Jan. 1... \$203,748,513 \$215,921,674 \$268,627,973

Government bonds close as follows:

| Bid. | Asked. |
|----------------------------|---------|
| U. S. Currency's. | 119 1/2 |
| U. S. 6m registered. | 107 1/2 |
| U. S. 18m registered. | 107 1/2 |
| U. S. 6m new reg. | 107 1/2 |
| U. S. 6m 1865 reg. | 107 1/2 |
| U. S. 6m 1867 reg. | 107 1/2 |
| U. S. 6m 1868 reg. | 107 1/2 |
| U. S. 6m 1869 reg. | 107 1/2 |
| U. S. 10-40 coupon. | 106 |
| U. S. 10-40 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 5-10 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1861 coupon. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1867 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1869 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1870 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1871 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1872 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1873 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1874 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1875 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1876 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1877 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1878 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1879 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1880 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1881 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1882 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1883 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1884 registered. | 105 1/2 |
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| U. S. 4-8 1919 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1920 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1921 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1922 registered. | 105 1/2 |
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| U. S. 4-8 1924 registered. | 105 1/2 |
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| U. S. 4-8 1928 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1929 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1930 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1931 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1932 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1933 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1934 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1935 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1936 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1937 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1938 registered. | 105 1/2 |
| U. S. 4-8 1939 registered. | |

Blooms, \$50 @ \$53: run-out Anthracite, \$45 @ \$47.50.

Muck Bar.—There has been some inquiry and a few small sales are reported at about \$32. Buyers of large lots would not pay over \$30 unless for very superior quality. We quote \$30 to \$33 as fair average of the market.

Structural Iron.—There is nothing new in the market; a fair demand for small lots is reported, and there is also some activity in completing old contracts, but outside of this the market is rather quiet. Prices are unchanged, as follows: Angles, 2.2¢ @ 2.4¢; Tees, 2.4¢ @ 2.5¢; Beams and Channels, 2.7¢ @ 2.8¢.

Plate and Tank Iron.—The demand for Plates continues brisk, and the upward tendency of the market is further confirmed. Orders for prompt delivery can only be placed by paying full market prices, and in some instances we know of an advance of about two dollars per ton being paid to duplicate orders given out during the early part of last month. Prices are not so firm, however, for winter deliveries, and there are some in the trade who consider the present firmness to be only temporary. In any case, there is a considerable amount of activity for the time being, and if other departments improve, there is no reason why this should again lapse into dullness. Competition is very close, however, and desirable orders are looked after with a good deal of anxiety. Prices to-day are firm, as follows: Common Plates, 2.2¢ @ 2.3¢; Tank Iron, 2.3¢ @ 2.5¢; C. No. 1, 2.4¢ @ 2.6¢; Shell Iron, 2.7¢ @ 2.9¢; Flange Iron, 3.7¢ @ 4¢; Solid Firebox, 4.85¢ @ 5¢; and Best Bloom, 5.5¢ @ 6¢.

Sheet Iron.—With the exception of thin Sheets we have to report a very active demand, and transactions are unusually numerous and heavy. The prospects seem to be that the large stocks carried by manufacturers from last year will this season be marketed. Prices are irregular, however, the anxiety to unload tending to prevent anything like an advance. The following quotations are for small lots; large quantities may be bought at \$2 to \$3 per ton less. We quote: Common Sheet, No. 20 to 23, 2.8¢ @ 2.9¢; No. 24 to 26, 2.9¢ @ 3¢; No. 27 to 28, 3.1¢ @ 3.15¢; Best Refined Sheet Iron, No. 16 to 21, 2.9¢ @ 3.0¢; No. 22 to 24, 3¢ @ 3.1¢; No. 25 to 28, 3.2¢ @ 3.3¢; Best Bloom Sheets, No. 16 to 21, 4.7¢ @ 4.8¢; No. 22 to 24, 5¢; No. 25 to 28, 5¢ @ 5.2¢; Common Red Plates, 5.16 to 18, 2.4¢ @ 2.5¢; Refined Plates or Blue Annealed, 5.16 to 18, 2.4¢ @ 2.6¢; American, R. G., 5.16 to 18, 2.9¢ @ 3.1¢; Best Bloom, 5.16 to 5.18, 4.9¢ @ 5¢; Philadelphia Russia, 6.5¢ @ 6.8¢; Patent Planished, 10.4¢ @ 11¢; B. Patent Planished, 9.4¢ @ 10¢; Bloom Galvanized, 40¢; Refined Galvanized, 50¢, with extra discounts for large lots.

Bar Iron.—There is a better feeling in the Bar trade and manufacturers demand a slight advance on prices recently ruling. The demand from store shows more activity, and all classes of trade appear to be taking something. One firm largely engaged in the trade informs us that their sales last week were heavier than during any whole month in the present year, while all agree that the demand is quite satisfactory. The continued suspension of work at the city mills may perhaps have some influence on the market, but the leading cause is probably owing to the fact of higher freights and higher prices at Western mills. Prices for small lots are as before 1.9¢ to 2.0¢ for Refined Iron, but for large lots there is not the same margin as heretofore, and 1.8¢ is probably the lowest figure which manufacturers would accept, while 1.85¢ to 1.9¢ is generally asked. We quote Ordinary to Best Refined 1.7¢ to 2.0¢, according to quantity and quality.

Steel Rails.—The firmness noted in previous reports is well maintained, and the mills are generally employed to their utmost capacity. There are numerous inquiries for large lots, and if sellers were willing to make concessions extensive contracts could be obtained immediately. Sellers prefer completing present engagements, however, rather than to enter into new ones, unless at such prices and deliveries as meet their approval. The demand is largely for Western delivery, although Eastern buyers are fairly represented. Sales have been chiefly of small lots at about \$43 to \$45 at mills, which is about an average quotation for immediate delivery. Winter deliveries are a little easier, and it is said that \$43 at tide would be accepted by some of the Eastern mills. The market may be considered steady, however, although there is no doubt one or two sellers have been soliciting bids for winter work, and naming \$43 at tide as a figure which would receive consideration. We cannot learn, however, that any transactions have been made so far at less than \$43 at mills, which figure up to \$45, according to section of rail, time of delivery and location of mill, may be considered a fair quotation.

Iron Rails.—The market remains in a strong and healthy condition, with prospects of a decidedly encouraging character. The mills are all pretty well employed, while from the numerous inquiries which are made from *bona fide* buyers still greater activity is anticipated. Prices are very firm; buyers who cannot offer satisfactory securities do not meet with much attention. The majority of recent transactions have been exceptionally favorable in this respect, cash or its equivalent having been the rule to a larger extent than formerly. Ordinary Rails may be bought at something below our inside quotation, but standard qualities are very firm, and \$32 @ \$34.50, according to section, are about bottom prices. Light Rails are in active demand, for which, of course, prices are in proportion.

Old Rails.—The demand from the West continues to be as urgent as noted in our last, and prices in consequence have been further advanced, and, in fact, the market completely cleared. A number of sales are reported at prices all the way from \$21 to \$22.50, Pittsburgh delivery. One or two lots have been sold on the spot at \$19.50 @ \$20, with further demand at same figures. We note sales also of extra qualities at considerably higher figures, one parcel realizing a full dollar and a half

per ton beyond the average quotation. It is supposed that the demand is only temporary, and that a reaction may set in at any moment. We quote \$19.50 @ \$20 for average lots, with higher prices for extra qualities.

Spikes.—5½ x 9-16, 2¢; ½ x 4 and longer, 2.2¢; 7-16 x 4 and longer, 2.3¢; ½ x 3½ and longer, 2.5¢; ½ x 3 and longer, 2.6¢.

Old Car-Wheels.—Are in demand, with sales of 50-ton lots at \$18 at point West. Old Car-Axes in demand also, but none offered.

Scrap Iron.—Is fairly active at former prices, viz.: Wrought, \$20 @ 22.50; Cast, \$14 @ \$15.

Nails.—The market is very dull and sales difficult to make except in small lots. We quote \$2.15 as an average price.

Shot.—The demand continues brisk at former prices. We quote: American Chilled, 8¢ @ 9¢; Drop, 6½¢ @ 7½¢; Buck, 7½¢ @ 8½¢; all less 10% to the trade.

PITTSBURGH.

Office of *The Iron Age*, 77 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 6, 1878.

The business outlook remains much the same as noted in our report of last week. The excitement attending the political campaign is not without its effect in curtailing business not only here but elsewhere, and there is no question but the greenback movement has had much to do with keeping back the "good time" coming. If the inflationists are killed off at the coming State elections, as seems probable, there is every reason to believe that general trade will soon improve. Our manufacturers, as a general thing, did more business in September than August, and we are in hopes that October will show an improvement over September. We heard one of our business men remark the other day that he had done more business in September than during any preceding month for five years, or prior to the panic, but that he had during the month in question made but little money. This, we apprehend, is the case with merchants and manufacturers not only here but elsewhere; they are having an increased business, but the margin for profit is very small as compared with the war times, and there is a good deal of complaining in consequence. People had become so used to making money rapidly and easily that they are not willing to come down to a legitimate business, and it is this spirit of discontent and unwillingness to be satisfied with a small margin for profit that is aiding and abetting the inflation movement. As a rule, however, our solid business men are nearly all against inflation, and will oppose it with all their might; they realize the situation that what is wanted now is not to disturb the financial policy of the government, but to let it alone, and all will come right.

Pig Iron.—Business continues quiet for the season, but the trade generally are hopeful, especially as regards standard Mill Irons, which, being in light supply, with but little being made, are held with considerable firmness, and a further advance soon is not improbable. Strictly No. 1 all-ore Red Short cannot be obtained under \$19.50, 4 mos., and some of the furnaces are refusing to sell under \$20, 4 mos., claiming that even at the latter price the margin on an all-ore Iron is very small. With the exception, however, of the grade in question, the market continues easy; there is no scarcity of Mottled and Neutral Irons, and they are to be had at easy prices. While the production of strictly Red Short all-ore Pig has been very meager for several years past, ever since the panic, owing to the fact that actual cost could not be obtained, the production of Cinder Iron was increased and there was considerable of an accumulation, and this accounts for the advance in the former, while the latter continues weak with a supply in excess of present wants. The inquiry recently has been chiefly for Red Short, which is wanted for mixture, but the firmness with which it is held curtails business, buyers refusing to pay the advance except for small lots. Bituminous Coal Smelted may be fairly quoted as follows: Foundry, \$18 @ \$20.4 mos.; Gray Forge, \$16 @ \$17 for Neutral, \$17 @ \$17.50 for Mottled Red Short, \$18.50 @ \$19.4 mos., for No. 1 ditto and \$19.50 for all-ore ditto. Coke Irons—\$16, cash, @ \$17, 4 mos., for Forge, and \$18 @ \$19 for Foundry and \$16.50 @ \$17 for Forge. Bessemer Pig is still quoted at \$20, 4 mos., delivered free on cars in Pittsburgh. The Edgar Thomson Rail Mill Company have closed contracts for all the Bessemer they will want during the remainder of this year. Charcoal Irons continue dull, owing to the fact that they are being supplanted by cheaper Irons. Some buyers refuse to make but little difference between them and ordinary Coal Smelted.

Manufactured Iron.—The general situation remains much the same as noted in our report of last week. While some of the mills are quite busy, running to their full capacity, others are still working single turn. In the aggregate, however, there is a very fair and increasing business, and prices are firm—no "cutting," and here in Pittsburgh no disposition. Indeed, some of our manufacturers are refusing to sell except in a small way to regular customers, at current rates, claiming that for the quality they make there is no margin for profit, and indicating also that they are expecting to realize better prices before long. In a word, the general position of the market continues favorable to the producing interest, as stocks are comparatively light. The production is down lower than it was, while the consumption is increasing. We continue to quote on a basis of \$1.75, 60 days, for merchant bars, with the usual discount of two per cent. for cash. So far as your correspondent can learn, there is no one here selling below quoted rates, and some makers are clamorous for an advance.

Nails.—There is an increasing demand but no improvement in prices. Indeed, it is rumored that sales are being made lower than ever, hence the situation in this important particular instead of getting better is growing worse. While \$2, 60 days, two per cent. off for cash, is the common rule, rumors prevail of offers to sell as low as \$1.90. Owing to the unremunerative

condition of the market, but few of the factories here are in operation, and our manufacturers generally are doing just as little as they can possibly help, as at \$2 they can just about hold their own, while at \$1.90 there is an actual loss; so it is said by those who are in a position to know.

Horse and Mule Shoes.—There is only a moderate inquiry. No change in prices.

Steel.—While the mills generally have about all they can do, some of our manufacturers report that orders are not coming forward as freely as they did a few weeks ago; also that prices are easier, but unchanged. We continue to quote Tool Steel at 7¢ @ 11¢ for Machinery; 14¢ @ 15¢ for Cast; 10¢ @ 12¢ for Blister; 8¢ for American Spring; 13½¢ @ 14¢ for Cast; 9¢ for Blister, and 8¢ for Machinery. In Plate Iron the only activity in this market is in Tank, which is selling steadily at 2½¢. Boiler Plate is very dull, quoting 2½¢ for No. 1 Charcoal, 2½¢ for No. 1 Shell, and 3½¢ for Flange. Merchant Bar jobs at \$1.70 @ \$1.75. The Marathon, from Liverpool, brought 487 bbls. iron, American Screw Company, 238 bbls. and 3 cases steel, order. The Istrian, from Liverpool, brought 5436 bars iron, Kidder, Peabody & Co.; 18 coils wire rods, Newell & Co.; 98 bars iron, Brown Bros., 1438 bars iron, Fuller, Dana & Fitz. Copper has continued in rather moderate demand. For manufacturers we quote: New Sheathing at 2½¢ @ 26¢. The outside price rules in small transactions, but large buyers are purchasing at the inside figure. Bolts are quoted at 26¢ @ 28¢. Yellow Metal Sheathing continues very weak, quoting 12½¢ @ 13¢ for English, and 13¢ @ 13½¢ for American; Yellow Metal Bolts, 18¢ @ 20¢. Lead continues dull and easy. The Chadwick Lead Works and trustees for the creditors of the Boston Lead Company have made reductions in prices, as below. We quote: Pig, 3½¢ @ 3½¢, currency; Sheet, 5½¢; Pipe, 4½¢; Tin-Lined Pipe, 12¢; Bar Lead, 4½¢; all of these excepting Pig are subject to the usual trade or 10% discount. Antimony is firm and fairly active, and we quote 12¢ @ 12½¢. Spelter continues firm, with little disposition on the part of buyers to sell on the spot at less than 5¢ for 10-ton lots. Tin is steady and unchanged. The Istrian, from Liverpool, brought 6 cases and 30 boxes Tin, James Hill; 55 boxes Tin Plates, order. The Marathon, from Liverpool, brought 319 boxes Tin Plates, Farrar, Follett & Co. We quote: Straits, 13½¢ @ 13½¢; Banca, 16½¢ @ 16½¢; Refined English, 14¢ @ 14½¢, gold. We quote Plate: Charcoal, 1. C., \$5.75 @ \$6; Coke, \$4.75 @ \$5; and Charcoal Terne, \$5.40 @ \$5.50, gold.—Commercial Bulletin.

Scotch Pig is quoted here at \$23 @ \$25. Nails have been in light demand, jobbing now at \$2.25 @ \$2.30. For 100-kg lots \$2.20 is the price. Sheet is selling at 3¢ @ 3½¢ per lb. Russia is quiet at 10½¢ @ 11¢. We quote English Spring Steel at 7¢ @ 11¢ for Machinery; 14¢ @ 15¢ for Cast; 10¢ @ 12¢ for Blister; 8¢ for American Spring; 13½¢ @ 14¢ for Cast; 9¢ for Blister, and 8¢ for Machinery. In Plate Iron the only activity in this market is in Tank, which is selling steadily at 2½¢. Boiler Plate is very dull, quoting 2½¢ for No. 1 Charcoal, 2½¢ for No. 1 Shell, and 3½¢ for Flange.

Old Car-Wheels.—Are in demand, with sales of 50-ton lots at \$18 at point West. Old Car-Axes in demand also, but none offered.

Scrap Iron.—Is fairly active at former prices, viz.: Wrought, \$20 @ 22.50; Cast, \$14 @ \$15.

Nails.—The market is very dull and sales difficult to make except in small lots. We quote \$2.15 as an average price.

Shot.—The demand continues brisk at former prices. We quote: American Chilled, 8¢ @ 9¢; Drop, 6½¢ @ 7½¢; Buck, 7½¢ @ 8½¢; all less 10% to the trade.

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quote First Fusion Soft, 39, and Second Fusion Soft, 38.75 @ 39. Manufactured 34. *Spelter*, Paris, quiet and stable. The quotation is 25. Zinc, 56 @ 58; Old Remelted, in slabs, 42.50. Iron works in the Ardennes are still suffering from the paralysis in that district; neither the forges nor the rolling mills receive any orders. In the Haute-Marne they are not much better off except so far as good iron is concerned. The iron for stove casting is selling there at 125 @ 130; superior sells at 17 @ 120; Second Fusion, 77 @ 80; and Charcoal Affinage, 100 @ 110. Machinery is in better request. Mixed Iron is quoted 100 @ 200; and Charcoal Pig, 167.50 @ 170. At the North Merchant Iron can now be had at the remarkably low figure of 150 @ 155 francs at the works. This decline is affecting orders. The iron and iron of individuals have been through adjudication 15,000 tons. Rails in five lots at 207 @ 215.50 \$ ton were offered by the Denain Anzin Co. In the Meurthe and Moselle the iron works find it difficult to compete against the low offers coming from the neighboring German Lorraine. Affinage Pig Iron is quoted there at 50 @ 55 \$, put on board lighters at the port of Seraing. Serain Iron is quoted 42 @ 45 \$ ton cheaper to the iron and they then compete against German Iron to better advantage. We are still quite at Paris. Merchant Iron sells at 155 @ 165, according to quantity. In the Vosges a good run of business is being transacted. Coal is better owing to the revival in the demand for family use. For industrial purposes Coal has still to go at low figures, but at these there is more doing.

BELGIUM.

(Revue Universelle).

BARRELS, Sept. 22, 1878.—*Iron*.—There has been an increased demand noticeable on "change," and a good many transactions have taken place in Sheet Iron, Split Iron, Corners and Thin Sheets. From abroad larger and more frequent commands are also dropping in. We are glad to perceive that Turkey is also forwarding orders this way, thus showing that our Iron manufacturers, which some time ago had been considerably忙, are again in demand. Rail road country is also more extensively ordered here from abroad; of course at very low figures. Affinage Pig Iron is firm at 5.15 @ 5.25 francs, and Moulage, 6.75 @ 7 for No. 5. *Coal*.—Accounts from the Coal regions of Belgium are unanimous in reporting increased activity in the amounts of Coal taken from the principal centers. This is due in a great measure to the laying in of a supply by the sugar refineries. Prices are not improved by this movement.

GERMANY.

(Borsenkalte).

HAMBURG, Sept. 21, 1878.—*Metal*.—The German markets in general are still lacking that activity which usually manifests itself at this time of the year. Copper has been weak. Berlin quotes good qualities English and Australian between 67 and 72 marks the 50 kilos, and Mansfeld, 72 @ 72.50; at these figures there has been continual fluctuations. We have been quiet and unchanged here. *Tin*.—This metal has led to but little business during the last month. It is scattered in the market. Berlin quotes Banco, 65 @ 66, and English, 66 @ 66.50 marks the 50 kilos. *Lead*.—The German markets have remained steady. We can report no change from here. Berlin quotes Tarnowitz, Harts and Saxonian, 16.60 @ 17 marks the 50 kilos. *Spelter*.—Business in this metal has been unusually quiet, and nothing has transpired either here or at Stettin and Breslau. Berlin is inactive and quotes good qualities Silesian, 18.25 @ 19.

HOLLAND.

(Koch & Vletterboom).

ROTTERDAM, Sept. 20, 1878.—*Tin*.—Remains very quiet, sales being limited to Billiton on the spot at 354 guilders the 50 kilos. For Banco, 37% is asked and 47% offered.

EAST INDIES.

(Clark, Spence & Co.).

POINT DE GALLE, Aug. 27, 1878.—*Plumbago*.—Wet weather having continued to prevail to an unusual extent for the time of the year, business has been much restricted. We have no alteration to report in values, which are 50 @ 120 rupees. There have been cleared from here since the 16th ult. 1715 cwt. for London. *Coal*.—Inquiry has been rather slack during the past month, but as stocks are small and outward freight remains high, the price of Coal is unchanged at 45 \$ free on board steamers. *Freights*.—Prospects continue most gloomy everywhere. Exchange is firm at 1/8%.

(J. Peet & Co.).

BATAVIA, JAVA, Aug. 12, 1878.—*Tin*.—The auction of the 11th inst. will comprise about 10,000 piculs. The June sale averaged 44.24 guilders per picul. *Coal*.—The market is very much overdone, and all descriptions are more or less difficult of sale. In English the only transaction recently reported is the sale of about 2000 tons Cardiff in store at 19 piculs per ton. The 10th ult. 1000 tons had been sold to arrive at 16 guilders per ton, cash, alongside, but to be weighed on shore, with an allowance of 2% for spillage. Arrivals are the Thorwaldsen at Banjoeawonze on the 4th ult., and the Olivet at Batavia on the 18th ult. Both cargoes have been sold, but prices are not published. *Exchange*.—The two English banks now work together, raising or depressing rates it suits them. Exchange, 11.97%.

(Schmidt, Kustermann & Co.).

PENANG, Aug. 19, 1878.—*Tin*.—Chinese have been the principal buyers at rates ranging from \$18.18 to \$17.75 per picul during the earlier part of the month. The average price is \$17.75 @ \$17.92 per picul since departure of the 1st ult. Trade and actions for Europe amount to about 2000 piculs only. Stocks remain small. Freights remain unchanged, and as tonnage is plentiful and cargo scarce, higher rates can hardly be expected for the present. *Exchange*.—Rates have suffered a further decline. The banks were drawing for last mail at 3/10% for the outgoing one business has been done at 3/10 @ 3/10.

(Giffilan, Wood & Co.).

SINGAPORE, Aug. 24, 1878.—*Tin*.—Supplies have been very quiet, and prices have been at 51.50 until two days ago, when a few of a few sellers and no buyers at \$12.50 per picul. The Gordon Castle, which sailed for New York direct on the 15th inst., took 30 tons, making, with what had been shipped previously in the month, 220 tons to date. *Tonage*.—The supply of disengaged vessels continues quite equal to the demand. But the tonnage will be 50 @ 50 tons per weight. The Gordon Castle took 30 piculs Tin. The Edward Percy has cleared for New York without the 10th on board. The S. D. Carlton has begun loading, but cannot make much progress until she gets more dead weight. For Boston there is nothing doing, and the birth is still vacant. *Exchange* declined to 3/10 for six months' sight credit drawn on London, but is now firmer, and closes at 3/10% per dollar.

Our English Letter.

Review of the British Iron, Steel, Metal and Hardware Trades.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

LONDON, ENGL., Sept. 23, 1878.

FIRST AND FOREMOST

of the metallurgical events of the week just ended has been the autumnal meeting of the Iron and Steel Institute in Paris, a gathering which has been a success in almost every sense of the word. The opening address of the president, Dr. Siemens, was excellently composed, and contained a well-timed warning to the British members that they were not so far ahead in some matters as many of them might suppose. The president wisely avoided making his speech too long. The most useful part of it was that detailing the technological and scientific curriculum of the French educational system. Of

the papers prepared for the meeting several were performed over for the spring assembly, but four or five were presented and promoted discussions which no doubt gave a good deal of life and animation to the proceedings which they might have lacked otherwise. The paper by Professor Jordan on the "Progress of the French Iron and Coal Industries" was of much interest, but to my thinking the paper of the whole number was that by Professor Akerman, of Stockholm, on "The most recent advances in the manufacture of Iron and Steel, as exemplified by the Paris Exhibition," which was full of most useful comparisons. The writer has evidently made the best of his time during the existence of the Exposition, and has certainly enunciated facts and deduced inferences which every iron and steel man may peruse with decided profit and advantage. Of scarcely less importance was the paper by W. D. Adamson, on "The Mechanical and other Properties of Iron and Mild Steel," in which a variety of useful experiments were plainly demonstrated.

THE TRADE OUTLOOK.

to which I must occasionally refer, does not improve, nor are the present indications such as to induce one to suppose that we shall be called upon to witness any very material change for the better during the remaining part of the present year of grace. The drop in marked iron has caused quite an average amount of recrimination among the merchants and the smaller manufacturers, but I do not suppose that anybody has so far been much the better for the change. The best producers may be assumed to have eased their consciences a little, but it does not necessarily follow that they have filled their pockets—indeed such concerns as Lord Dudley's and Messrs. Barrows may, as a rule, be said to be independent of ordinary market conditions. When their iron is within £1 or so of commoner and medium kinds the latter suffer most, and this is probably the case on the present occasion. It is hardly likely that any further alteration will be made at the quarterly meetings which begin on October 9th. The steel industries have fairly good prospects, which will have been promoted and furthered by the thorough discussions at the Institute meeting, but for the time being certain of their branches are complaining of the continued indifference of the world at large. This is particularly true of the cast steel trades of Sheffield, where matters are in no sense relieved of late. The hardware manufacturers are in the majority of instances doing a tolerably satisfactory turnover, but—and this is now a chronic stumbling block—the profit secured is so rare that they are anything but well off. Thus generalized one can scarcely say that things are looking up, although the official export returns as to quantities are so well upheld that I am not prepared to allege that the country is distressed. I have no doubt that individuals—particularly individuals or firms in leading industries—are suffering, but the country at large is not less wealthy than heretofore.

THE NEWS FROM CANADA

neither their elections has taken us by surprise, for it is hardly too much to say that few persons in this country expected to find the Macdonald party in the majority. You will not, of course, expect me to say much here on the purely political side of the issues raised, except in so far as these bring forward the (to us) vital questions of free trade and protection. For the moment the Canadians would appear to have gone in most heartily for protection—which we assume Sir John Macdonald to be the champion—and to have arrived at their decision to oust the Mackenzie ministry with peculiar suddenness and unanimity. This retrogressive movement may be a two-edged weapon, if fiscally embodied, for it may cut against your manufacturers well as against our own; hence it may not in the long run do us so much harm as appears likely at the first blush; indeed Canada has been so good a market for some of your manufacturers that you may possibly feel the blow severely for a time. All this, however, is necessarily conjectural reasoning, inasmuch as the protective tariff is as yet in its first period of inception and may be long period emerging from its embryo condition.

ANOTHER BLOW

to the hopeless prolongation of the much-wished-for revival of trade has fallen to-day in the shape of the news (received by telegraph from Calcutta) of the contemptuous affront given by the Amee of Cabul to our mission. If the full particulars of the affair bear out the original outlines there will be more heard of the matter—indeed the metropolitan newspapers of to-day with one voice declare that the hand of Russia is clearly discernible in the insult, and that there must be a speedy and effectual reparation exacted. The worst part of the outrage is that the Russian envoy is a guest at the Amee's court. The affair is thought so seriously about, in fact, that a direct war with Russia would not surprise me. At all events, the prospects of trade are certain to suffer.

THE LOCK TRADE

of South Staffordshire is not so brisk as it might be, and is at length being affected by external competition. I am credibly informed that not only are American locks being pushed by importers in all directions, and especially among the builders and ironmongers, but that French locks are being brought into the country at prices and under conditions which give promise of a fair amount of business being transacted. My correspondent especially dwells upon the capital finish of the French locks and keys, to which I can add personal testimony; indeed, so far as the exhibits at Paris tend to show relative merits and demerits, I consider the French about the best in all the show, price and quality considered.

SCOTCH PIG IRON

has been flat and is hardly likely to become stronger in the teeth of the renewed political troubles now looming on the Eastern horizon. Over 1000 tons have been added to Connal's stores, where the quantity stored is now 193,840 tons. There are 92 furnaces blowing as against 87 same date last year. Total decrease in shipments to date, 50,689.

Writing from Glasgow, Sept. 21, Messrs. James Watson & Co. said: "The Scotch pig iron market has been dull during the past week, opening on Monday at 47/2, cash, at which business was done to-day, closing rather firmer with buyers at 47/5, cash, sellers very near. As will be seen from the undertenured quotations, Makers' Iron is rather easier. Shipments last week were 9792 tons as compared with 8690 tons for the corresponding week of 1877." We

being brought into Sheffield in much larger quantities than is stated in the recently published report of Dr. Webster, the American Consul, and that German goods, particularly scissors, are being imported on a large scale. The trades unions have pretty effectually killed the scissor and some other industries, the loss of which is a sore blow for steelopolis. German tailors, shears and ordinary scissors can be had delivered from Solingen 30 per cent. under local quotations. In cutlery and many kinds of tools precisely the same sort of thing has to be complained about. As a matter of fact—and to put the thing brawly and plainly—the trades unions and not a little supineness on the part of manufacturers have together pretty nearly ruined Sheffield.

THE METAL MARKETS,

like everything else, are quiet, and there is no disposition toward advanced figures, except in the cases of two or three brands of copper, which have been "operated" in several times of late. The weekly report of the Ironmonger is: "Tin-Plates" are rather quiet, in part owing to certain disclosures as to the manner in which the Liverpool export business has lately been transacted, and in part owing to the extremely unremunerative nature of prices. Copper has remained steady, good ordinary brands Chili bars selling at from £60 @ £60.5, and named brands at £60.10. Australian is unchanged. During the week 696 tons of Cape ores were sold by tender at about 11.9 per unit, for 31.4% per cent. produce. Tin is steady at £57.5 @ £57.10 per Straits and Australian; English ingots, £62. Lead has been dull, the selling prices being £16 @ £16.5 for English, and £15.17.6 for Spanish, without silver. Zinc is unaltered. At Messrs. W. T. Sargent & Son's fortnightly sales on Thursday 140 tons were sold at £20.10. Spelter quoted at £17.16 @ £18 for ordinary brands. Quicksilver at from £49.15 @ £51."

INDUSTRIAL ITEMS.

MAINE.

The Lewiston Machine Co. have elected the following directors: N. W. Farrell, A. D. Lockwood, C. J. Barker, James Dempsey, Nelson Dingley, Jr., J. F. Cobb, J. C. Colburn; treasurer, Fred Kelley.

The large machine shop near the Augusta dam has been rebuilt and is being stocked, anticipating commencing work this month.

The new Union Water Power Co. was organized by choosing the following directors: Josiah G. Abbott, Jacob Edwards, Amos D. Lockwood, Theophilus Walker, William P. Frye, William B. Wood.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Last spring an enterprise was entered into by a well-known Boston firm for the manufacture of gas fixtures and all kinds of fine brass castings, gate railings, furniture trimmings, &c., of the best quality and most elaborate designs. The concern is known as the "Shreve, Crump & Low Mfg. Co." and is located on Albany street. It has now under contract several important orders, among which may be mentioned one for 12 elegant bronze lamp posts for the new City Hall of Providence, R. I. The company fill orders for original designs for their own customers who desire special arrangements in furnishing and arraying residences, halls or churches. Fifty hands are kept constantly employed, and their products are rapidly taking the place of the foreign goods of like description.—*Commercial Bulletin*.

RHODE ISLAND.

E. Jenckes & Co., manufacturers of ring travelers and mill supplies, who for a number of years occupied the Old Slater Mill at Pawtucket, have removed their machinery to the Jenckes mill.

The Rhode Island Locomotive Works have recently built 20 locomotives for the New York Elevated Railway. These engines are smaller and of a different pattern than those commonly used on ordinary railroads. They are of two sizes. The smaller have four driving wheels, the water tank being above the boiler, making them appear very stout and clumsy; the larger have, besides a like number of driving wheels, a trunk behind, above which a tank and a portion of the cab are located. The cabs of all of them are very large and roomy.

NEW YORK.

John Stephenson, of New York city, the coach and car builder, is furnishing the outfit for tramway between Calais and St. Pierre, in France, which is being constructed with English capital, and some of the cars are now in course of shipment via Southampton. The capitalists referred to have organized to construct and equip tramways wherever they can obtain certain concessions, and have already built roads on this plan in Swansea, Barcelona and elsewhere.

The report that the employees of the nail factory of the Buffalo Iron and Nail Co. had scattered by reason of the stoppage of work is without foundation. The factory is at present running only in part, but could be started full at once did the condition of trade justify.

The Remington rifle is rapidly gaining favor with those who are the best judges of the merits of a good rifle for target shooting. A most remarkable score has been made recently at Washington by Mr. J. Partello, who with a Remington Creedmoor of caliber 45, the regulation rifle of the National Association, scored 224 out of a possible 225. Mr. Partello first made a string of 15 bull's eyes on the 800 yards range, and then followed it up with 12 bull's eyes on the 900 yards target. This made 27 consecutive bull's eyes. This was followed by a "center" and then another uninterrupted string of 17 bull's eyes brought the score to the figure of 249.

John Williams, 115 to 121 East 13th street, is doing some very beautiful work in brass ornaments, especially in the combination of choice pottery with polished brass, and in the reproduction of the best foreign art work in metals. There is a large and steadily growing demand for this kind of work, which promises to create in this country a very important industry. Mr. Williams is now making a large brass cinerary urn to the order of a customer who is impressed with the advantages of cremation, and who intends to use it for the safe keeping of his ashes when they shall be gathered up from the bottom of the furnace. Whatever value his descendants may place upon his ashes, they will undoubtedly prize the urn as a piece of *bric-a-brac* of unusual interest and decorative utility.

Shapley & Wells, of Binghamton, engineers and machinists, are very busy and have many inquiries which are likely to lead to business and consequently keep them engaged for some time. Among their specialties is their "engine and boiler combined," of which they have made a great number, both for home and export. They claim that it is the most economical and durable engine now made. They also manufacture a patent bark-grinding machine and all machinery used in a tannery. A short time ago they completed the ironwork for a building the front of which is all iron, situated at corner of Chenango street, Binghamton, which is considered one of the handsomest buildings in the city.

The L. Bolles Hoe & Tool Company, of Binghamton, Mr. C. A. Wilkinson, secretary, manufacture as specialties, forks, rakes, potato hooks and hoes. Their trade in the Southern States on the "Bolles handled planters" and cotton hoes has reached such dimensions, together with an increase of trade in the Northern and Western States on their regular "cast-steel socket" and "shank hammered hoes," that they are at present running their entire force and works on hoes alone. All their hoes are plated under the hammer, which enables them to give proper form, elasticity and toughness to the metal.

The Jones Scale Works, of Binghamton, are very busy. They report their business as having increased to double what it was last year.

McEwan Bros., of Wellsville, engineers and machinists, are at present fully engaged and make as specialties, oil and steam engines, mill gearing and all kinds of machinery connected with tanneries.

George W. Tift, Sons & Co., of Buffalo,

Speaking of the new Pittsburgh and Lake Erie road now nearly completed from Pittsburgh to Youngstown, Ohio, a Pittsburgh paper says: With these connections in and about Pittsburgh, the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys, and Cleveland, the cars of this line will run past 135 iron and steel works, 35 glass manufactories, and hundreds of other works too numerous to mention here. There are on the Pittsburgh Division of the B. & O. R. R. 3510 coke ovens, with a capacity of more than 300 carloads per day, most of which will be used in works located on or beyond this line. More than 1000 tons per day are now used at and beyond Chicago. Much of it goes to the Silver Regions of the Rocky Mountains and some even now to San Francisco. Just below the city the road strikes the Pittsburgh coal field, the largest yet discovered, as well as the best. This coal will reach Cleveland on a much shorter line by this route than it does now, via "Pan Handle" and C. & P. Railroad.

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are employing about 250 men, and are at present manufacturing steam engines of from 10 to 25-horse-power and oil engines of 12 to 16-horse-power. They also make all kinds of architectural work, and are making the ironwork for the new Masonic Temple at Elmira, which will have a self-supporting iron front.

R. Dunbar & Son, of Buffalo, engineers and general machinists, manufacture engines from 5 to 200-horse-power, and also various kinds of architectural ironwork and mill gearing. They are at present making a machine for trussing barrels. This machine is very different from any now in use and will truss and finish the barrel complete. They also manufacture the Eagle turbine water wheel, which has given a very high percentage of power.

The Shepard Hardware Company, of Buffalo, are very busy and likely to be so all winter. They are employing upward of 50 men, and make as specialties fluters, fluting machines, blind hinges, &c., and various kinds of builders' hardware.

Mr. A. R. Whitney is erecting the section of the New York Elevated Railroad contracted for by him at the rate of 75 tons per day, and expects to have the work finished to Harlem River by December 31. The grand car depot for the joint use of the two elevated railway companies, in course of erection near the upper extremity of the line, will be ready for business promptly on time.

A. R. Corcoran, of John street, this city, has just shipped two of his windmills to Rev. Mr. Ward, missionary at Bombay, India; also two to Christchurch, New Zealand. The freight to India by steam, via Glasgow, was only £14 for 171 cubic feet. Mr. Corcoran has just received a letter from the agent of the Prince of Wales, proposing to introduce windmills for drainage purposes on his estates in the Lincolnshire fens, comprising a large area. He writes that in the rural districts of England where they were paying \$2.50 per week for wages ten years ago, the present rate is \$3.50 to \$4.

NEW JERSEY.

R. Heinisch & Sons, of Newark, manufacturers of all kinds of shears, are very busy and look forward to continued activity.

John Toler, Sons & Co., of Newark, makers of different kinds of furniture castings, are fully engaged on their various specialties.

Benjamin Atha & Co., of Newark, manufacturers of file, spring and tool steel, are extremely busy running double turn.

Hewes & Phillips, of Newark, have recently begun making printing presses in addition to their other specialties.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Erie City Iron Works, as we learn from their New York agent, have built this year more boilers than before in any one of the 25 years of their existence. The number built up to September 1st was 350, and orders were received for 400 all told. Their export trade is 25 per cent. in advance of last year, and New York trade is more than double.

Wm. Sellers & Co., of Philadelphia, have taken the bulk of the recent order from New South Wales for fine machine tools, amounting to some \$25,000.

Hon. Wm. L. Scott, of Erie, announces his intention to start up his rolling mill on a full scale between this and December. He expects to employ 150 hands. He thinks he can resume now with some chance of making a little money, and says that no time since the panic of 1873 have the prospects been so bright for a general revival of business.

The quantity of iron made at the Warwick Iron Company's furnace week before last was 357½ tons.

The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company are endeavoring to introduce pure anthracite coal into England and France. Mr. Edward Quintard is in Europe astonishing the natives by giving away a stove with every ton of coal he sells, and in Paris he has an agent to show the Frenchmen how to fire the stove. A cargo of 150 stoves was recently invoiced to Mr. Quintard, and another will soon follow.—*Times and Dispatch*.

The Lancaster Watch Factory has shut down for one week to secure \$30,000 additional capital. If Lancaster does not furnish the money the works will be removed to some other point.

The iron and chain works at Port Clinton, Schuylkill county, experienced a scarcity of water during the past summer. An immense dam has been constructed in the Schuylkill, and no further scarcity of water is apprehended.

Work in the machine shop and pipe mill of the Reading Iron Company was suspended last Thursday morning for several days owing to the necessity of making repairs to the engine driving the machinery and furnishing the blast to the furnaces.

The rolling mill firm at Brownsville are now styled Jones, Lewis & Co. They are running the mill regularly on contract for making tube iron for the National Tube Works at McKeesport. In every way their prospects are brighter than ever for a success as a rolling mill.—*Brownsville Clipper*.

We clip the following from the *Sharon Herald* of the 4th inst. concerning Sharon iron works, up to Sept. 28: At the Western Iron Works, puddle, hoop, guide and sheet mills double turn. Bar mill, guide, turn, nail plate mill, nail factory and both spike machines want on Thursday morning.

There are orders enough ahead to keep everything in this establishment, except the nail factory, in operation until the close of the year. Chain factory went on Monday of the present week. This mill has earned a splendid reputation during the panic. When other works shut down or run half-time, pursuing a doubtful policy because it was vacillating, this establishment kept all its fires burning, generally double turn; never took an undue advantage of its men, but always paid in full what they agreed to pay. No chicanery of any sort, but pursued the policy of treating their workmen like men, and to-day there is not a man in the mill that does not take a personal interest in the works, and the result is that their iron stands at the head of the list. At Middlesex six puddling furnaces on, making some extra good iron which will soon make a market for itself.

Wm. M. Kaufman & Co.'s furnace No. 2, at Sheridan, was blown in last Thursday afternoon.

The Lehigh Valley Emery Wheel Company, at Weissport, are running full time.

PITTSBURGH AND VICINITY.

Messrs. Jones & Laughlin, of the American Iron Works, Pittsburgh, have ordered from the Safety Low-Water Signal Company, of Tenth street, South Side, eight more boiler signals.

The Isabella Furnace No. 1, at Pittsburgh, has made in a continuous blast of 943 days 5,723 gross tons of iron, and is still doing good service.

Robinson, Rea & Co. have constructed a fire-proof building near their works on the South Side, which will be used as a depository for patterns.

The contract for building the depot of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad, at the south end of the Monongahela suspension bridge, has been awarded to a Philadelphia firm.

The new brick foundry building of Lewis, Oliver & Phillips, at the foot of Twelfth street, South Side, is nearly completed. It is of the same dimensions and occupies the site of the ironclad structure destroyed by fire during the summer.

Spang, Chalfant & Co.'s mill at Etna is about ready to start after a short stop for repairs.

Graff, Bennett & Co.'s mill at Millvale is on double in all departments. They are using coal instead of gas in the furnaces.

Morehead & Co.'s mill at Pittsburgh has again started up, after having been idle over week for repairs.

Jacob Reese, late of Reese, Graff & Woods, is now engaged in the metal business in Pittsburgh.

The manufacture of insulated telegraph wire has been commenced at the National

The Canton Spring Company are running full time and are full of orders. Their average make per day is about two tons of carriage springs, besides 250 pairs of their well-known seat springs.

Messrs. C. Aultman & Co. of Canton began this season the manufacture of a self-binding machine which is becoming very popular. This company have within the past year and a half built more than 260 of the Canton monitor portable engine, which is finding large sales in all parts of the country. In addition to these they have made 1,100 Sweepstakes thrashers and 500 Buckeye mowers and reapers. They have lately shipped several machines to South Africa and the West Indies. Their show at the Paris Exposition attracted a great deal of attention, and some of their machines received premiums.

The Diebold Safe and Lock Co. at Canton are running full time and have a full supply of orders on their books. Their average make is about 10 safes per day.

Mr. Richard Brown, who for a long time has been the mill manager, has sold his entire interest in the firm of Brown, Bonnell & Co., Youngstown, to Jos. H. Brown & H. C. Ayer. Mr. Brown will remain with the old firm until a suitable man for his place is found, when he will retire from business.

Messrs. McFarlan & Nottingham of Cincinnati have recently formed a copartnership for the manufacture of engines, boilers and machinery on Second street, between Plum and Central avenue, where they are in full operation. In connection with the above business they purchase and keep for sale scrap iron and old metals.

Messrs. Theo. J. McGowan & Bliss of Cincinnati have recently formed a copartnership and begun the manufacture of the "Boss" steam pump, which they make a specialty. They also keep for sale the McGowan & Buckeye pumps of various sizes.

among his papers. Doubtless he fell a victim to a rash experiment.

BARR'S PATENT STEAM TRAP.

Messrs. Pancoast & Mauls, 243 and 245 South Third street, Philadelphia, are manufacturing an excellent device in the way of a steam trap, which is shown in the accompanying illustration. In this *a* and *b* are two tubes united at one end by the casting *c*; *d* and *e* are two castings attached to the free ends of the tubes *a* and *b* respectively, and having an orifice in each, the one in *d* for the admission of steam, and the one in *e* for the escape of the water formed by condensation; *f* is an ordinary globe valve having a smooth stem, *g* is a yoke firmly bolted to the tube *a* by the nuts *i* and *j*, and also to the valve stem *g* by the nuts *k* and *l*; *m* is a rod, one end of which is firmly secured to the casting *c*, and the other end passing through the casting *o*, and secured by the nuts *s*, which also regulate the movement of the valve. The casting *o* is fitted on projections on the castings *d* and *e*, and the whole trap is securely held in place.

The operation is as follows: Steam enters through the opening in the casting *d*, passes through the tube *a*, casting *c*, and into the tube *b*, heating both tubes, which immediately expand. As the tubes are prevented from longitudinal movement by the rod *m* they spread or "bulge" apart, the tube *a* carrying the yoke *h* and the valve stem *g* in one direction, and the tube *b* the valve stem *f* in the opposite direction, thus closing the valve and preventing any escape of steam. As soon as condensation takes place and the tubes *a* and *b* contain water, they cool, contract, the valve opens and allows the free escape of the water, through the valve, balance of tube *b* and opening in the casting *e*. As soon as the steam, following the water, enters the tubes, they again expand and

charge any air that may accumulate while running. When it is required to use the steam further on, it can be done by attaching a T-shaped casting to the steam pipe, and the trap to the bottom of the T, thus perfectly drying the steam.

The Metric System of Weights and Measures.—The International Congress on Weights, Measures and Coins, at Paris, discussed at great length the merits of the uniform metric system, and the following important resolution received the unanimous consent of the conference: "The congress learns with pleasure the progress of the metric system; it deplores that England, Russia and the United States have not yet entered into the same path; and it is of opinion that the governments of these countries should be solicited to give effect as early as possible to an act of progress so eminently useful to science, commerce and international relations." Immediately after the sitting at which this resolution was passed the British and American members met together, Col. Smith, F. R. S., in the chair, and resolved: "That pursuant to a resolution adopted by the International Congress for the unification of weights, measures and coins, at Paris, on the 4th Sept., 1878, we, the members of the said body from Great Britain and the United States of America, respectfully petition our respective governments to appoint a mixed commission to consider the adoption of the metric system by both countries, and to make all necessary recommendations for the proper legislation to secure the desired end. That Col. Smith, F. R. S., England, and Mr. Appleton, of the United States, be requested to transmit the above resolution to their respective governments."

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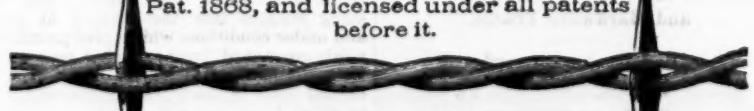
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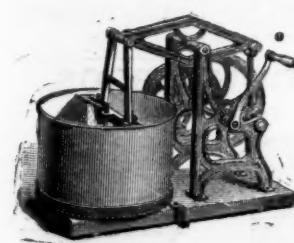
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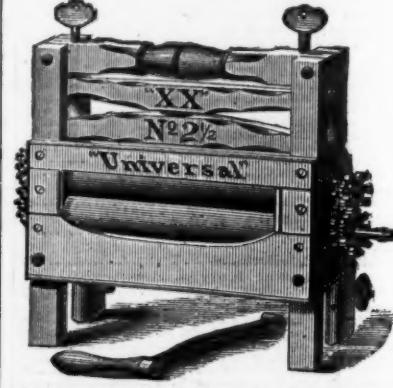
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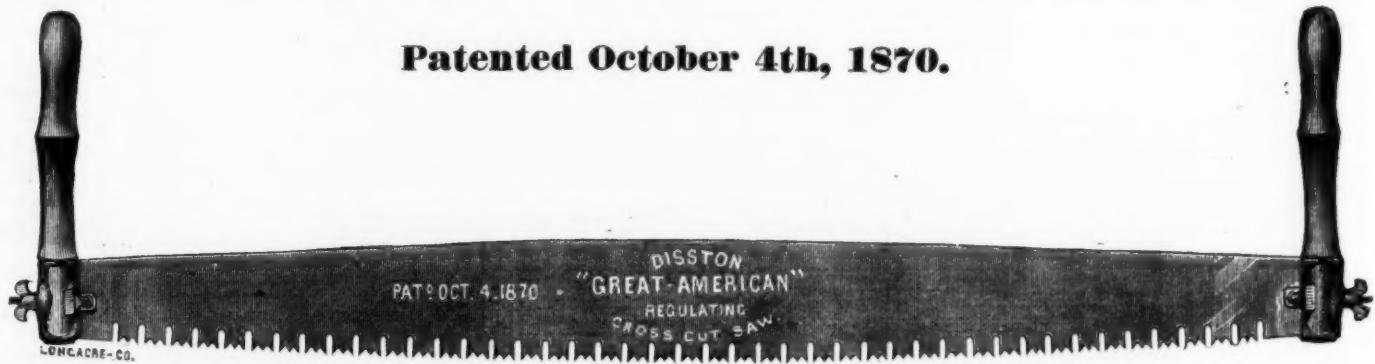
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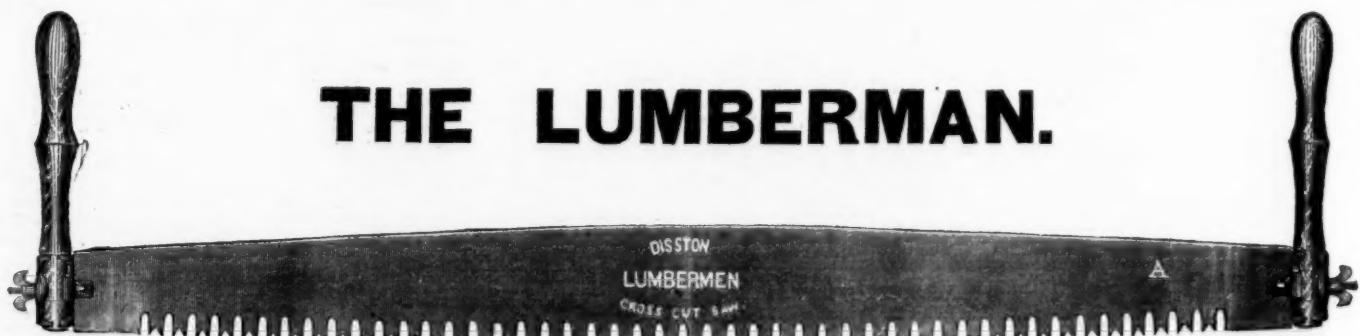
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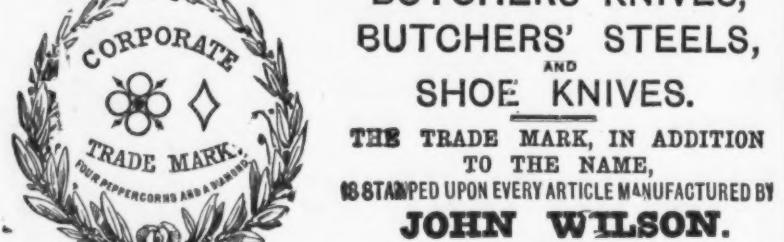
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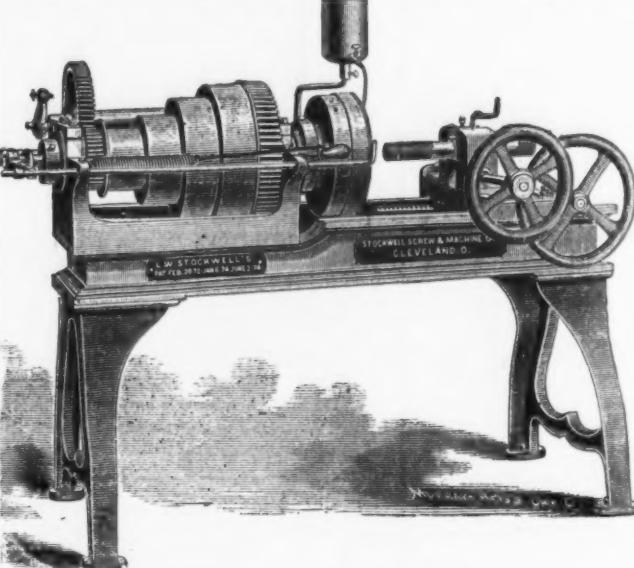
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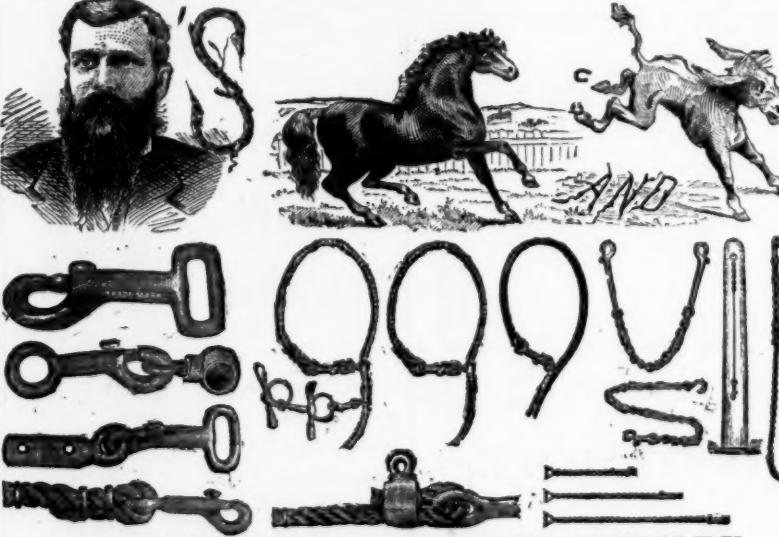
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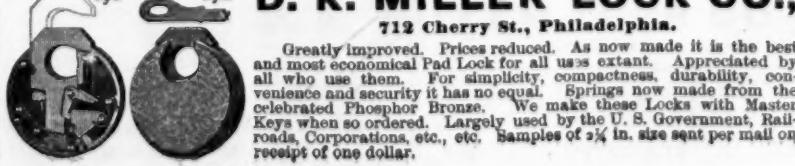
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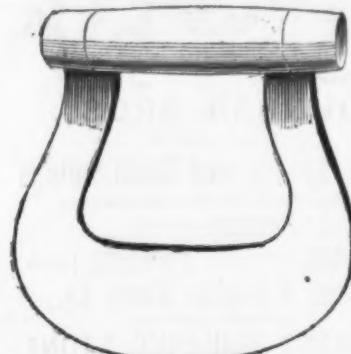
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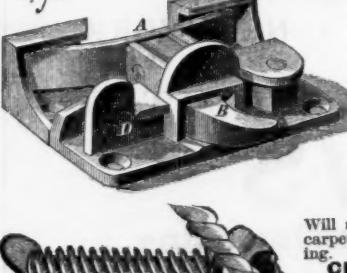
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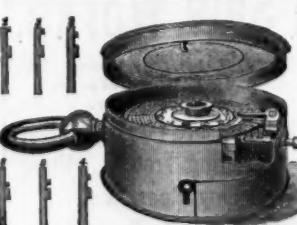
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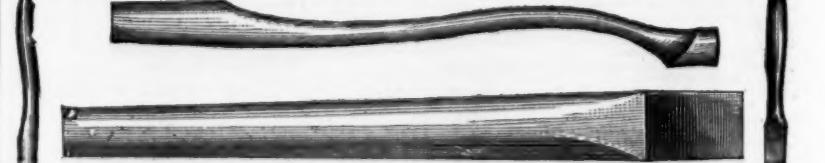
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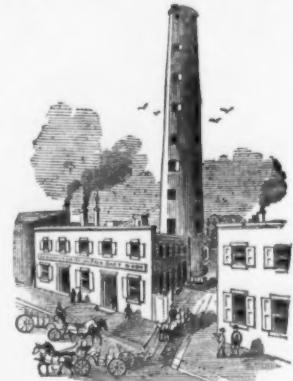
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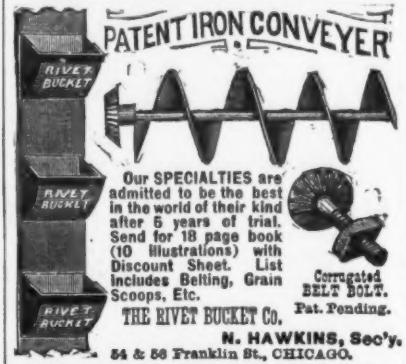


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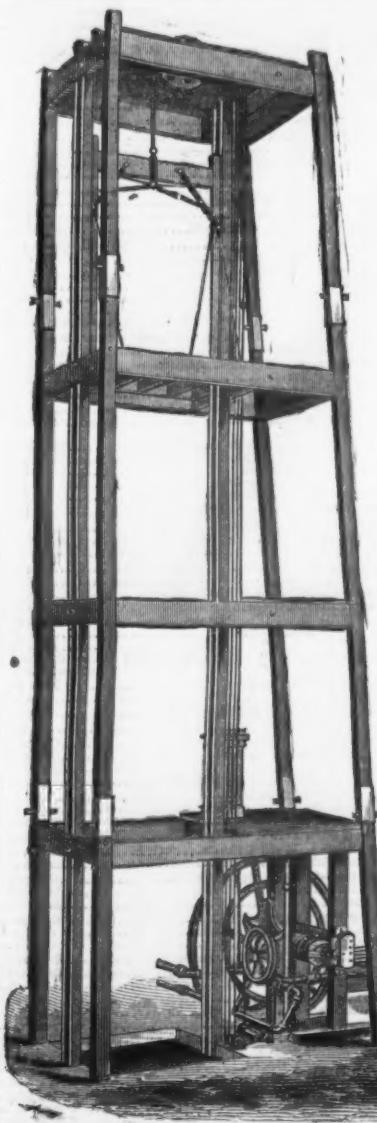
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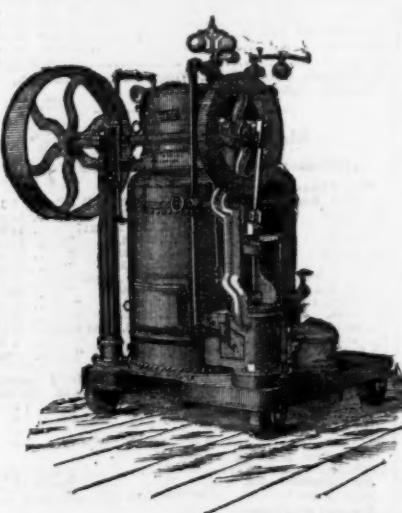
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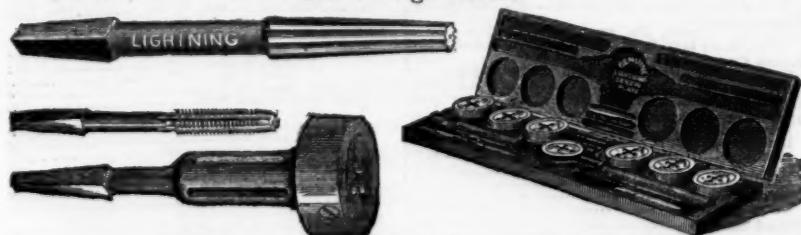
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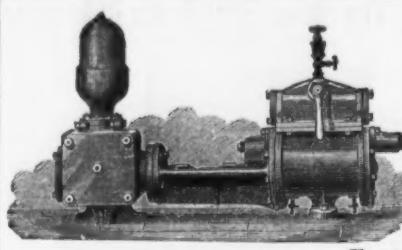
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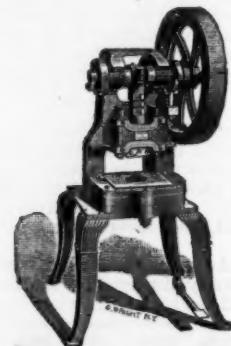
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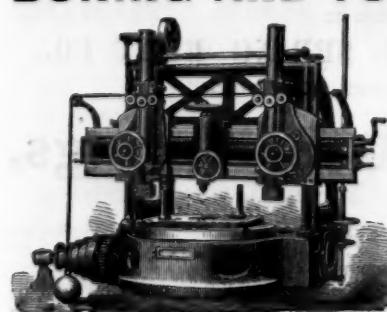
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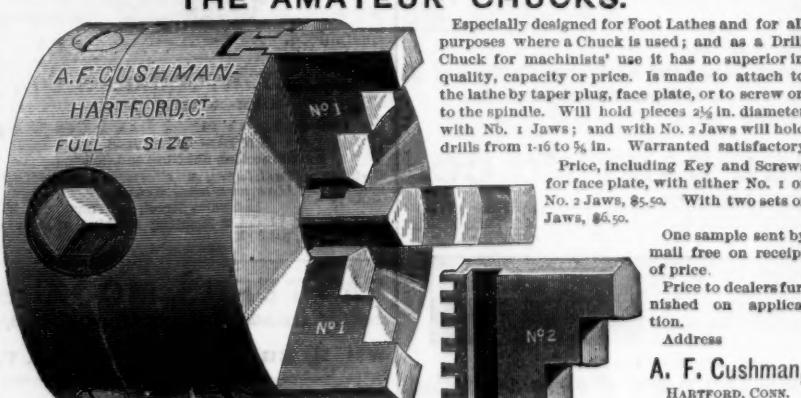
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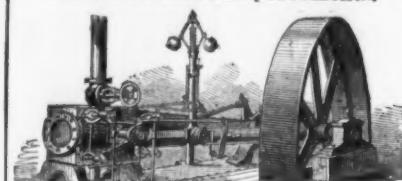
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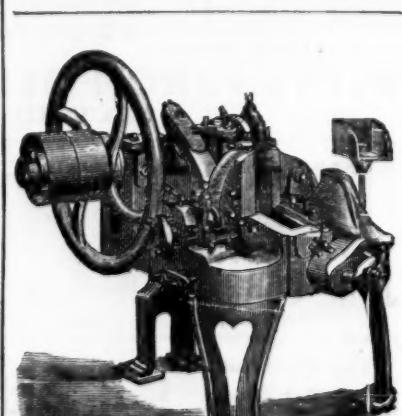
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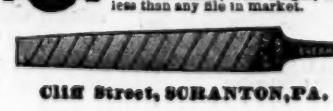
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